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Executive of Texas
Austin Jan. 8th 1867

To Hon

Post Master Genl.
Washington D.C.

Sir

Enclosed herewith, is the petition, of sundry Citizens of Hunt-County Texas, asking for a Post Office on route No. in Hunt-County. I am personally acquainted with the locality, and know that an Office at the point mentioned, would accommodate quite a populous neighborhood.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt. Servt.

Secy. of Texas

Executive of Texas
Austin Jan 14th 1867

Milton Stappa

Collector of Dist. Texas

Galveston.

Sir

Your note to the Governor, of the 12th inst., is received. In his temporary absence from the Capitol, I hope you will suspend any definite action in relation to the matter.

He will be here by the last of this month, when your communication will be submitted to him. For your information I send you a copy of a letter addressed by him to you, which, by mistake of one of the clerks, was sent to another correspondent.

I have the honor to be

Yr Obedt. Servt.

Secy. of State

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Jan'y 19th 1867

Maj. Genl. J. B. Kiddoo

Comm. of Bureau F. A. L. & R.

Sir,

Some time since, His Excellency, the Governor, received a communication coming through you, asking for information, concerning the provisions, made by the State, for the insane among the freedmen.

Having just obtained information upon the subject, in the temporary absence of the Governor, I can state, that, under an appropriation made by the last Legislature, a purchase has just been completed of some property adjoining the present Lunatic Asylum, at this place which, by the 15th proximo, will be fitted up, and ready to accommodate patients of that class.

The regulations will be sent to you. The accommodations for the present will be limited, there being room, as the superintendent informs me, for only about twelve or fifteen, owing mainly to the impoverished condition of our Treasury.

The present Asylum has fifty-two inmates - all white persons - and is filled, almost to its full capacity.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,
G. B. Lenoir

Secy of State

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Jan'y 13th 1869

Br-Maj. Genl. Sturgis
Austin Texas

Genl.

Enclosed, you will find
copy of petition of John J. Dammert to His Excellency
the Governor, for aid in transporting certain persons in
the county jail of Williamson County, to the Bastrop
County jail.

There being no military force belonging to the
State, and the case seeming to be an urgent one, in
the absence of the Governor, I have referred the matter
to you, & hope that you ^{will be} willing to furnish the
necessary guard, for the purpose indicated.

I am Genl.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Searles

Secy of State

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Jan'y 28th 1869

Brth Hon.

Judge of the County Court
Wharton County - Texas.

Sir

I am in receipt
of an extract of a letter, to Maj. Genl. Kiddor, written
by the Asst. Com. Freedmen Bureau of your County, con-
cerning the treatment of a freedman, confined in
jail for the killing of "Jabe" a freedman.

The statement is, that the freedman is not
properly treated as a prisoner &c.

I would respectfully call your attention to
21 and 255 Code of Criminal Procedure, and

State of Texas.

Executive Office

Austin Jan'y 29th 1867

Hon. B. H. Epperson

Washington City

D.C.

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Dear Sir,

I have this day written to Comdr. - Bogy - of Indian Affairs, and urged that something should be done, to remove the Kickapoo, Lipans - and other U.S. Indians, now sheltering on West bank of the Rio Grande, and depending from thence, upon Texas; Also to try and recover the Texas prisoners held by them. I forwarded copy of protest of a letter from R. M. Black to me, in relation to these Indians. I have urged, that some one should be sent to treat with, or see these Indians, in conjunction with a U.S. Officer of the army; this latter, to have authority to remove the Kickapoo, to their old home in Mo. or Kansas. Please to urge this matter. I have suggested Mr. Black as a very suitable person to be employed in this business. He is every way qualified.

Very respectfully
 Andrew Sear.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Jan'y 29th 1867

Hon. B. H. Epperson

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you extract of an order, issued by Maj. Gen. Griffin commanding "Mil. Dist. of Texas" and Chief of the Freedman's Bureau of this State. Under this

order the Military have already seized, and arrested and imprisoned, several respectable citizens, without legal warrant, or authority from any other source, that I can learn, except this order, and no charges made known as yet. As a matter of course, under an order of this kind, the military can be their own judge of the necessity, and whether the laws are enforced by the civil authorities or not; it makes no difference.

In Mexico, the civil authorities are active and diligent in the enforcement of the laws. Notwithstanding this three citizens, of that Section, have been arrested, and imprisoned, and the Agent of the Bureau - who did it - refused to obey a writ of Habeas Corpus, issued by Judge Harrison - or to make any answer whatever.

I have referred the matter to Genl. Griffin - and if the parties are not released, or proceeded against according to the laws of the U. S., I will refer the whole matter to Washington.

In the meantime, I desire, you will see the Secy of War, and know if this order is in accordance with orders from the H^d Br of the Dept.; if it is, ask such modification, as will require any party making complaint to the military, to make complaint to the civil authorities, and then, should they refuse to act, let the order be executed. But let the civil authorities have a chance first. The truth is, the parties who say they are aggrieved, and go to the military, will not make their complaints known to the civil authorities. If they would the civil officers would not only use all lawful means to enforce the law, but would, if necessary, ask the assistance of the military to aid them.

Congressman
Grover & Son

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Jan'y 29th 1857

Hon R. M. Black

Uvalde Texas.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 6th inst. from "San Juan de Alameda, Mexico" recd. I have ~~sent~~ sent a copy of that portion of your letter referring to the Indians, to Maj. Gen. Griffin, Comdr. this "Mil. Dist.", and also to Comdr. of Indian Affairs.

To the Comdr., I have urged the necessity of appointing some one, in connection with an Army Officer, to see ~~and~~ or treat with these Indians, and endeavor to have the views presented by you carried out. I have suggested that no more discreet, or proper person, than yourself, could be selected.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue your enquiries concerning these Indians, and the prisoners they have stolen from Texas, and give me all the information you obtain.

You will perhaps, have seen the "Circular letter" sent by me to the frontier counties, asking for "reports of Indian outrages". I hope, whenever you may find yourself on the frontier, you will impose the necessity of this, upon the people, & especially upon the Civil Officers. These reports should be as precise, exact, and positive, as to date, names, amount of property stolen, or destroyed, - persons killed &c, - and Indians committing the outrages.

Very Respectfully

Wm. B. Swanwick

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Jan'y 30th 1867

To the Hon. H. Beaumont
Judge of the County Court
Calhoun County, Texas.

Sir,

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Enclosed, I

forward you, copies of the Affidavits, of Clayton Garner,
& Jno McDaniel, - Citizens of your County, concerning
the murder of private Samuel Hergus, of "Co H" 7th
U S. Troops, on the 31st August-1866.

I am informed by the Military authorities, that no effort
has been made by the civil authorities, to have the
murderers prosecuted, or arrested. I desire, that you
will immediately examine, and see if there is any
indictment against those parties, and if there is,
confer at once with the Sheriff, as to their arrest.

Let the matter be kept quiet.

If there has been no indictment, you will instruct
your County Atty to file necessary information,
or send at once for Garner, and McDaniel, and
have complaint made before yourself in proper
form, and issue warrant of arrest.

I trust you will use all necessary caution, and
discretion, as well as promptitude, to have these
parties brought to trial. If the Sheriff needs,
or prefers, for the purposes of secrecy, the assistance
of the Military, he will call upon them, and
they will render such assistance as he
may need. Write me your action &c.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Jan'y 30th 1867

Jeffrey Johnson and others
Camp Colorado
Cochran County, Texas

Gentlemen

Your petition, asking for the establishment of a U.S. Post at or near Camp Colorado, has been received.

In reply I have to say, that heretofore I have pressed upon the authorities of the General Government, and the Military Com^{rs} of this Dist., and Dept., the necessity of early establishment of posts along the frontier, and one at Camp Colorado.

I take pleasure in giving you the information, that, I am in receipt of a communication from Genl. Sheridan, in which he informs me, that, he has suggested, and asked permission of the General in Chief, to establish posts at "Buffalo Springs" in Montague County - "Jacksboro", - "Bullock", - "Camp Colorado", "Fort Marion", "Fort Clark", "Fort Ingalls", "Lander", "Fort Davis", and other points.

I shall however, forward your petition, and impress the necessity, of the early establishment of the Post at Colorado, showing it's importance.

Recently, I addressed a "Circular letter" to County Judges, of frontier Counties, asking reports of Indian depredations heretofore committed, and that may occur hereafter. I hope the frontier Officers, and citizens, will see that I get this information.

Care should be used to send names, dates, amount of property stolen & value, - owners - names of persons killed - and by what tribes of Indians, as well as may be ascertained; Under Official Seal - and position in statement -

Very Respectfully
Wm. W. Lister

Governor of Texas

State of Texas.

Executive Department

Austin Jan'y 31st 1867

H. Garrett

Sheriff

Victoria Texas

Sir,

Yours of the 11th inst. duly received. I am glad the military have turned over the soldier. Hope you will keep him securely, until he can be tried. Send me particulars of the arrest, & treatment, - and attendant facts, of the arrest - by an Officer, of the Editor of your papers; and, if any Official proceedings have been had in the case, send me copies &c, and oblige,

Yr. obt. Servant.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Jan'y 31st 1867

Hon. Jas. Harrison

Judge Dist. Court.

Maco Texas.

Dear Sir

Accompanying, I send you, copies of letters from Sp. Compt. of Indian Bureau at Maco, concerning the murder of a freedman, by a man by the name of Cogwell or some such name - in your County; - also concerning arrest - imprisonment &c of Wm Bell and McCreary, and another person; also copies of letter from Maj. Genl. Griffin to me upon the subject.

Some days since I wrote to Genl. Griffin on this latter subject; & stated to him that no charges had been preferred, as far as I was able to learn of these parties, and that Manning had refused

the writ of "Habeas Corpus", issued by you, or to answer to the same. I furthermore stated, that if the "Agent of the Bureau" - any freedman, or other person, would prefer a charge before you, against these parties, that you would enforce the law, and administer it impartially, regardless of consequences, or who might suffer therefrom. And that the Civil Officers were active, and faithful in the discharge of their duties in that section.

Will you cause Mr. Parr, Dist. Atty, to confer with the authorities of the Bureau, and inform them of your readings, at once to enforce the laws of the land. Let the "Agent" make the compulsory necessary in those, and all similar cases, before you, or other Magistrates. I trust Mr. Parr will assure them of what I know to be true, your readings, and that of other Officers, to bring to trial and punishment all offenders - whether against white or blacks, or Federal or State laws.

I will this day assure Genl. Griffin, that the civil authorities of your section will, if permitted, do their whole duty, in vindication of the laws, and in giving adequate protection to all classes alike.

Please to answer me at once in relation to these matters.

In the case of Cogwell - if the murder was malicious, and wilful, and he has fled - and the proper Affidavit, charging the Offence - with description, is sent to me, I will offer a reward.

Respectfully
Yr. ob. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Feb. 4th 1867

John M. Markham

Pres. S. P. R. R. Co.

Marshall Texas

Dear Sir,

Your telegram, and letter of Dec. 30th 1866, from New York were both recd in due time, but, since then, no information as to the interest due the State on account of your Company, has been received, or at what time it will be paid. Your immediate attention is requested in regard to the one-eighth interest, due under the operation of the Stay law, and also to the annual accruing interest due, which is not affected by the Stay law.

Respectfully

Yours Obt. Servt-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Feb. 5th 1867

Wm. M. C. Patterson

Judge of Uvalde County, Texas

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 28th Ult., in relation to the recovery of the youth "Frank M. Buchanan", from captivity among the Lipan Indians; by Mr. M. B. Henderson, has been recd.

In answer I have to say, that if Mr. Henderson will make out his claim for ammun. actually expended, and reasonable charge for the time lost by him, and that the time so occupied was especially on this business;

Make oath to the same, & verify it with corroborative testimony under oath, I will approve, and order for such amount, as would, &c. &c. &c.

one captive. The Legislature made the appropriation, so as to cover all our prisoners then known to be among the Indians, & I must make it go as far as possible. Should Mr. W. send up his account as directed, he should either come in person, or empower some one to sign necessary receipts.

I would call your attention to recent "Circular" from this Office, in relation to Indian depredations, & ask a report from you for your County, & any of the unorganized Counties near you.

Respectfully

U. S. S. S.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Feb 8th 1867

Y. H.

County Judge

Parola County - Texas

Sir -

Enclosed, you will find copies of papers, sent from the "H. Q." of the "Bureau", in this State, to this paper.

The papers have but recently come to hand, and judging from the date, it is to be hoped, that no such state of things now exists. You will please inform the Executive, of the condition of affairs, touching the treatment of freedmen, and their conduct, in your County. The hope is indulged, that the Civil Officers of the various Counties, will use their best exertions, to enforce the laws, & give protection & every claim of the people. Any offenses, committed by whites upon freedmen, or by the latter upon whites, you will please report.

Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin - Feb. 9th 1867

Hon. County Judge
Gregory County - Texas

Dear Sir -

Enclosed, I send you copy of report of Lieut. - Sps. Compt. of Freedmen's Bureau, of your County, to the Sps. Compt. for Texas.

You will please investigate the facts, touching the murder of "Ware Wheat" - freedman - mentioned in the report, and write me fully, all the particulars.

You should make diligent enquiry, as to the perpetrators of the deed, if names are known, and cause of the deed. Let me know all the facts. No pains should be spared to prosecute, and apprehend, all offenders against the law, and offences against negroes demand just as much attention, as if the white race were concerned.

Please to report to me the general treatment of "freedmen" by whites; - payment of wages, &c. Also offences of freedmen. Their disposition to work and - comply with their contracts.

Our people suffer much from the "ten thousand reports" of their bad conduct towards freedmen, and Union men. Let me know the truth of any such wrongs in your county. On the other hand I wish also to know how Union men, U.S. soldiers and freedmen, behave themselves.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt. servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Execution Office

Austin Feb. 9th 1867Hon. County Judge
Caldwell County

Dear Sir,

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Enclosed I send you, for your information, copies of papers sent, by some of your citizens, to Freedman's Bureau, and thence to me.

Be so good as to inform me if the statements are true. Also if your Civil authority can, and will, enforce the law. Also - state fully any wrongs practiced, or committed, heretofore upon freedmen in your County.

I have reviewed the "Bureau" on this subject, and stated, that one of the petitioners had elected a magistrate, and had he qualified, and done his duty, the parties complained of, might have been arrested and punished.

This information is for you, and not to be made public, as the petitioner might be ill treated, if known. How are matters in your County now?

Respectfully, I remain Sir,

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Execution Office

Austin Feb. 9th 1867

Hon. County Judge

Smith County

Tyler Texas

Dear Sir,

Accompanying, I send you copy of letter, this day received, from Maj. Gen. Griffin. I presume this letter is sent to Tyler, on account of representations, sent to "H. B.", of violation of the law, &c. Inform me of the condition of affairs in your County, and if freedmen, & union men, are mistreated, and if the Civil Authorities are able and do enforce the

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Cases: Also give me information of any acts of violence of
whites upon freedmen, or of bad conduct of freed-
men. I earnestly hope the Civil authorities will
faithfully and rigidly enforce the laws regardless
of consequences.

Very Respectfully
An Old Slave

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Feb. 10th 1867

Harris County, Judge
Bowie County, Texas.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed, you will
find a slip, cut from the "N. H. Tribune", stating "extra-
ordinary outrages" had been perpetrated upon a Union man
and the murder of his wife, by the people of your county.
And the rebellion of the good people of Bowie, and the
defeat of U. S. Soldiers, sent to protect the abused and
outraged Union Citizens. As a matter of course, I cannot
believe any part of this story; but perhaps some pos-
sible foundation for it may exist, upon which this disre-
putable fabric has been erected.

Inform me fully, and officially, if any
such outrage has been committed.

If any foundation, however slight, exists,
for this story give me the particulars. Give proof of any
facts connected with it. Also inform me of any outrages that
may have been perpetrated, upon others on account of political
feelings - of wrongs upon freedmen - of outrages perpetrated
freedmen, upon their own race, or upon whites - of assaults
robberies - or murders.

Very Respectfully An Old Slave

P. V. V. V. V.

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Feb. 14th 1867

McGowan S. Roberts

Act. Pres. Tex. & N.O. & R.R. Co.

Houston Texas.

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Sir.

Yours
of the 12th inst. is before me. Mr. J. H. Hollingworth, of
Upshur Co. Texas, is the State Engineer. I have this
day ordered him, to repair to your office, to make the
inspection, and report. He is an Upshur Co. (Gilmer)
and will necessarily be some time in getting to the locality.

Respectfully

Grovesend

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Feb. 14th 1867

D. C. Dickson

Huntsville Texas.

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Dear Sir.

Your favor, and Black Davis',
received this morning. One answer must do you both.

In answer to him:— If the property account
cannot be fully stated, he will have to forgo it. But
I suppose you know the amount of manufactured goods
on hand when you took charge, and I suppose Hendricks
and Sims know the amount of manufactured goods on hand
when Sims took charge. Therefore if feasible this much
should be stated.

There was any statement on paper, of
Col. Hendricks' account, here from 30th August to the
28th Sept. I have both, enquired of Durham, and
examined myself. Col. Hendricks ought to be able,
(and I suppose can) from his own private papers

and the books of the Office, to supply this deficiency.

Mr. Davis must make his labor as complete as possible. Spare no pains, nor time, to get it as near "ship shape" as can be. A new beginning in these things must take place, and the rubbish of the past, must be digested as well as possible, so that the new leaves of the future, may be clean and explicit.

Your opinion of our contract for convict labor relieves me. I was fearful we could not clear expenses. But now you give the idea we were to pay the Corporals \$100⁰⁰ per month, I cannot imagine.

The rule we have adopted is this = \$1500⁰⁰ a year Agent, \$40⁰⁰ per month to Sergeant (who acts as Agent in contingencies) \$35⁰⁰ per month to Corp^s = and \$100⁰⁰ per month to "doctor" for 100 hands = \$25⁰⁰ per month for guards (15)

Camp takes 250 of the convicts. We will try to get him down to 100 - so that we can have another showing for the new supply; Or if you think we had better let him have 150 - when they can be supplied, say so at once.

Do your expenses cover your receipts or not? I will write to Judge Reeves, and ask him how it is, that he allows the Sheriff, and two guards, for one "Emancipated" freedwoman.

You did precisely right with the Sheriff of Cameron. They are a hard set. The neighborhood of the "God & Liberty" country, contaminates everything even W. U. S. Mil. Officers - as we see in the case of Sedgewick, (really Sheridan) - therefore they need close scrutiny.

Very Truly

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Feb. 14th 1867

To Hon. County Court

Washington County

Guadalupe

Your Communication

was received this day. In answer, I have to say, That
Mr. J. B. Hollingworth, of Gilmer Texas, has been appointed
State Engineer - some time ago. I have ordered him
on duty, to inspect Texas & N.E. R.R., and after that
to investigate the works you speak of.

I have a very high appreciation of Genl. Robertson,
and should anything occur, in the future, whereby I
can aid him, it will afford me a pleasure to do so.

Very Respectfully

Grover Cleveland

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Feb. 15th 1867

Hon. M. B. Pace

County Judge

Lampasas County

Dear Sir

Yours of the

11th inst. just received. In reply I have to say, That if
a respectable number of your citizens, and your
Court - or the Court by itself - will ask for U.S.
Troops, I will request the military to send
them. You should spare no efforts to ascertain who
stole the records. There is a crime for this, sufficient
to fasten the guilt upon some body. I hope the
Officers of your County, will use energy in this matter,
and in all other cases of crime occurring among you.

Respectfully -

P. M. 1867

State of Texas
 Execution Office
 Austin Feb. 13th 1877

Genl. McLaughlin
 A. C. Hyde &
 S. Hart

Attention

I am in receipt of a communication from Martin Daiz, Governor Rodula and Encarnacion Cerecillo who say they were illegally seized by Judge Trunch (some of them in person, and others by his order) - imprisoned, & sent to El Paso, Mexico, and thrown into jail; and, notwithstanding their supplications, are refused an examination; that they are denied food, or comfort, except as they are supplied from their funds.

I have directed Judge Noonan to investigate these cases, and if there men are held for any crime, to demand, of the authorities of Mexico, their delivery under "extradition treaty".

I have also written to Judge Trunch, and directed that he have these men released from imprisonment, in Mexico, and to give them a hearing before a Magistrate of your country. If bailable that they have a chance to give bail, if innocent to be turned loose. But in no event to send them back to Mexico.

I have also instructed Judge Noonan, to instruct his District Attorney to investigate this matter, and if Judge Trunch has transgressed his authority, and committed illegal acts - to have him indicted.

Will you write me all you may hear or can learn about this affair?

Respectfully

Wm. H. Davis

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Feb. 15th 1867

Ex Judge A. H. French
El Paso

Sir.

I am in receipt of a communication from Martin Diaz - O. Rodas and Encarnacion Lomillo, who claim to be citizens of Isleta El Paso County Texas, and who charge that by yourself in person, and by your orders, without just cause, they were arrested, imprisoned, and sent to the town of El Paso, in Mexico, and thrown into jail - and still remain in jail, (No 18) - and notwithstanding their supplications, are refused a trial, &c. - that they are denied food, or comforts, and are supplied only from their homes.

It is hard to believe that American Citizens are thus treated by an Officer of the Civil Government of Texas. The Constitution of the U. S., and of the State, provide that "No citizen shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law."

The proclamation of the President, has restored the operation of the Civil Courts in this State. Should the statement of these men, that they are thus imprisoned, be true you will immediately have them brought back to your country, and, if they are charged with any offense against the laws, you will make the necessary complaint, and have them brought before a Magistrate of your County, for examination, and in all things let them have the full benefit of the laws, and in no case will they be sent back to Mexico for imprisonment. You will also suspend fully your connection, as an Officer, with these men, & the proceedings had in their case, to this Dept., and also to the Hon. Norman Judge of your Judicial Dist.

Respectfully

A. J. Smith

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Feb. 15th 1867

Judge Noonan
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you a copy of letter received at this dept. which will require your attention. You will, under your authority as Comptroller, under the "Extradition Treaty" with Mexico, demand that these parties be delivered up to you, if they are charged with crime.

I presume, you had better first demand of A. H. French, "County Judge of El Paso County", a statement of the crime alleged to have been committed by these parties. You will furthermore give information to the Dist. Atty. of the proceedings of Judge French in this case, and have him indicted, if he has violated the law, or illegally arresting & causing the imprisonment of citizens of the State.

The enclosure contains, all the information I have on the subject. I write by this mail to Judge French, & ask information concerning this case, and shall also direct that he forward to you the charges he has against these parties. If this statement is true, it is certainly a high handed procedure, on the part of an Officer of the State government, to send a citizen of Texas to a foreign government, to be imprisoned, and that without trial. I will be glad to hear from you, as to the time, you expect to hold court in El Paso. I have directed Judge French to have these parties brought at once before a magistrate of his County, and to give them a trial, &c and have also directed him, to furnish you all the proceedings in regard to them, so that if he does not act properly, you may use your authority in the premises.

Very Respectfully
Grover

Governor of

State of Texas
 Execution Office
Austin Feb. 15th 1867

Hon W. R. Brown
 County Judge
 Del Norte, Texas

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 12th rec^d. In reply, I have to state, that you are at liberty to use the papers, forwarded by me for your information, as you may deem best, for the interest of the people of your Section.

I trust, however, proper prudence will be exercised, and no exhibition of ill-feeling towards the parties whose names are thus assigned, will be allowed or indulged in. A temperate expression of the facts, and refutation of the charges, may do good; any other course will be production of harm.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Obed Servt

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
 Execution Office
Austin Feb. 15th 1867

Judge Beaumont
 Indianola Texas.

Dear Sir,

Yours of date received. I am obliged for the promptness of your authorities, in acting upon the matter presented.

I hope you will confer with the Sheriff, and, if possible, ascertain the whereabouts of Baylor, and his accomplices.

If the military should find out their locality, and call upon the civil authorities, you will direct the Sheriff, either

to go himself, or send a deputy, with the writ,
and aid in their arrest.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Execution Dept.

Austin Feb. 18th 1867

Judge Kimbark

Houston Texas.

Dear Sir

Plans, with enclosures
of proceedings, and testimony, in the case of the freedman
"Wick Perkins" - was received in due time.

I regret much that this affair has occasioned
you so much trouble, but feel that you do not
regard it - if it will contribute anything to a just
understanding of our Officers and people.

I am greatly obliged to you -
With very warm wishes for your happiness and
prosperity. --

I am your obliged & old friend.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Execution Office

Austin Feb. 18th 1867

Genl. W. M. Cropper

Good Mankita

Chickasaw Nation

Dear Sir,

I have
the liberty, to send you a copy of our
Laws, and we will do so.

care, via Sherman, copies of the late constitution
 & laws of this State, for the Chickasaw, and Choctaw
 Nations: and will be obliged if you will
 forward to their destination, and request the
 authorities of the Nations, to send us their
 laws, and late treaties with the U.S.
 With greatest respect send.

I am most truly
 Your friend

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
 Executive Office
 Austin Feb. 14th 1867

Dist Clerk
 Dist. Court
 Calhoun County
 Tex.

Enclosed, find remission
 of fine, against C. C. Horverson.

Make known to the party interested, & to Messrs
 Cropleand, Finley - Burke - & Gardner: Also to
 Judge Holt -

I do not conceive that I have the constitution-
 al power to remit the Officers fees; therefore
 they must be paid.

Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Feb. 22nd 1867

G. W. Crawford

Galveston Texas

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 17th inst. was received, some days since, and would have been answered earlier, had not matters of pressing moment, required constant-attention. When I conversed with Judge Terrill, on the subject of the Paris exhibition, I presumed the Legislature would make some provision, by which we could send ample specimens of our ores, and products, but the conclusions of the gentlemen, who interested themselves, were not such as to justify, in their opinion, an outlay of money. They seemed to think, that unless we could be represented in a manner commensurate with the truthful condition of our State, that nothing should be done. In consequence of this, and my ignorance of the steps taken by Congress in regard to the subject, I have not made any appointments. Notwithstanding, there has been quite a number of applications from gentlemen of the highest respectability. I regret much, that I see so late, (only within the last few days), the action had by the proceedings of Congress, upon this subject.

Unless Texas had something worthy of her true character to present, I prefer that she shall have no representation there. In this conclusion I am borne out by a number of reflecting and intelligent gentlemen, who have given the subject thought and attention.

Very Respectfully
Wm. M. Linn

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Dept.
 Austin Feb 22nd 1867

Wm J. R. Wharton
 Wharton Texas

Dear Sir,

Yours, in relation
 to the conduct of the "Bumby" Agent at Wharton,
 has been delayed in its way, but I call the
 attention of Genl. Griffin to the subject at
 once, and ask him to instruct his Agent at
 Wharton how to behave.

Should I get other information from him,
 on the subject, I will apprise you.

Respectfully
 Wm. C. Lusk.

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
 Execution Office
 Austin Feb. 23rd 1867

Col. James Gillespie
 Supr. Penitentiary
 Huntsville - Texas.

Dear Sir,

Be so good
 as to send me a copy, of any statement - you may have,
 of the offence - date of sentence - from what County, and
 the term for which he is sentenced - of the convict -
 "Wm. A. Gibson". Also inform me of his conduct -
 &c. &c. There is an application from Arkansas,
 for his pardon, with the statement - that - he was
 convicted for taking "Government property".

Please answer me at once.

Very Respectfully &c

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Feb. 23rd 1847

Henry Smith

Huntsville Madison County, Ala

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th of Jan'y 1847 just recd. Before I can pardon W^m A. Gibson, I must have a petition stating fully his character.

You have not informed me, in what county he was convicted, so that I can make the necessary inquiries &c. But I have written to the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, in order to ascertain where he was sent from, and for what he was convicted, so that I can send for the indictment, a statement of the facts given in the trial, and the judgement of the court. I must have all this before I can act. But, as soon as I can hear from the Superintendent, I will leave him to write in order to obtain this information.

In the meantime, you can get your County Officers - County Judge - Clerk &c - to write a petition - and if they know Gibson, to certify what they may know of him, & his past history - & have it signed by other respectable citizens.

When I get all the papers, I will do what seems right; and just, but cannot promise until I know all the facts.

Very Respectfully
A. B. Sever

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Office
 Austin Feb. 23rd 1867

Messrs Barnett
 Abercrombie
 and Baker
 Huntsville, Texas

Gentlemen
 Yours

of the 15th inst. received this morning.

The "Regulations" came to hand, during my absence. I was not aware that you expected their return.

Herewith you will find them, approved. I think of no suggestion, that I can make, that will add to their efficiency.

Very Respectfully,
 Your Obt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Office
 Austin. Feb, 23rd 1867

Hon. A. J. Smith
 Henderson - Rush County

Dear Sir.

I have received a letter from Governor Wells of La. making inquiry as to arrest, &c of one Robert Anderson - alias - Edmonds - said to have been kidnapped, in Shreveport, and brought to your County, on some charge. Please inform me, without delay, as to the facts, of any such case, as concerns a man of that name - or the name of Anderson Work, as the latter may be his true name.

Make inquiry, and let me know if he was properly arrested, &c in La., and send me copies of legal

papers connected with his case. If he is indicted, send copy of indictment. If convicted, send copies of - indictment, statement of facts and judgment of the court, as well as other information asked for.

Very Respectfully,
Gov. Cal. Sumner

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Feb. 24th 1867

Ref Clin Esq
Lavaca Texas.

Sir,

Yours of the 20th inst. recd. In answer I have to say, that by your own showing, it appears to me that the Dist. Atty. could have done nothing else than dismiss his suit; & take judgment on the Bonds of the witnesses, and furthermore, that the whole blame rests with yourself - 1st in not attending Court, as a witness, & next in not showing cause why final judgment should not be rendered.

I have remitted Mr. Howerton's fine - (except Officers fees) - But he makes a reasonable showing, and has the Judge's name, besides others, asking the remission. The fine goes to the County.

If you will get a petition from citizens of the County, (County Judge & members of the Court the best) I will remit the fine, save the Dist. Atty's & other Officers fees - these amounts I do not have the Constitutional power, I conceive, to remit.

Very Respectfully, &c

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Feb. 25th 1867.

Hon. C. C. Quarles

Merrell

Merrell Co. Texas

Sir:

Yours of the 14th inst. recd., for which, I am greatly obliged. Were our persons killed, wounded, captured, or chained, by Indians in your County? If so, please inform me. Have any murders, or depredations, been committed, in unorganized counties adjoining you? If so, please furnish me the most reliable information you can get, on the subject.

I would greatly prefer it, if you can furnish me dates, or even the nearest approximate dates, as to the time, the horses, reported by you, were stolen. This is important in all cases, either of raids, murders, or thefts. If you can report the dates, numbers, &c. I will esteem it a favor.

I will demand of Genl. Griffin, that he issue an order, requiring property recovered, to be turned over to the owner, upon proof of the same.

Very Respectfully
Woodward

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Feb. 26th 1867

Col. Gillespie

Surge - Penitentiary

Waco, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, I send a pardon for James Mearns. The petition is signed very numerously, and respectfully, and by the Judge of Dist. & some of the jurors, and many citizens. As he has said

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the length of time for which, I think, the sentence
should have been pronounced, for man-slaughter. I have
attached no conditions of payment of costs.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin Feb. 28th 1867

Capt. J. D. Wood

Sherman Texas,

Dear Sir,

Your letter, and resignation,
just received. With reluctance, I accept the same.

I doubt my constitutional right to refuse to accept it.

If your letter was not so positive, I should decline
to do so for the present, and ask you to reconsider it.

The frequency of crime in the country, and the
necessity for energy in the prosecution of the felons
of the State, for which I know your fitness, makes me
regret your determination to resign.

I wrote you at first, refusing to accept your resig-
nation, but upon consultation with the Atty. Genl,
I find I have no right to do so. As the Courts are in
session now, without waiting to confer with the members
of the bar or dist., I have determined to appoint our friend
Hart, as I know he anticipated serving for the Office.

I fear, however, he may not want it, as I suppose the bar
knew of your determination, and no recommendations for
anyone have come. However I send him the commission, and
if he does not want it, I presume the bar will notify me who
does.

Truly Yrs Friend

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Office

Austin, Feb. 28th 1877

J. C. Dickson

Hamoville, Texas

Dear Sir,

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(Yours and Davis', with enclosures, received. I would advise, that testimony be taken from Carl Carothers, & trustees, and others, who may know as to the amount of Stock Kendrick received, - turned over, &c.: Also amount received by you: if this is possible, or would avail anything.

You must be the judge.

I would suggest - that, for the future, an account of stock be rendered, for every quarter, to the Comptroller.

I am surprised, that some such rule was not long since adopted.

On the subject of the "Cotton Tax" - More than two months ago, I asked, from the Dept. Specific instructions. A verbal opinion was given to Mr. E. Johnson, that we should pay the Tax. I have looked daily for written answer. I have written to day to the Sec. of the Treasury asking his written decision, and requested reply by telegraph.

My opinion is that we are bound for the Tax on the cotton, but not for the Tax as a manufacture.

I would suggest - that you make out the best schedule you can, of cotton you have manufactured & sold, as required of Manufacturers under the law, so that in the event we have to pay, you will be ready, & will not incur a penalty, for willful violation of the law. As soon as I hear from the U.S. Treasury, I will notify you. I send you the Revenue Law, thinking perhaps you have no copy.

Camp is to get 150 hands. By telegraph he informs me, he has sent up his bond.

Always glad to hear from you.

How are your expenses, and earnings compared? Anything you think necessary for Davis to do, direct him. I will freely support it.

Yrs Truly =

State of Texas

Execution Office

Austin, March 4th 1867

To Hon. County Judge

Harrison County

Marshall, Texas

Sir:

Enclosed, I forward you
Copies of the "Reports" of Capt. Bond, "Sps. Compt." of
"freedman's Bureau" of your County, with the "H. & D." of
the "Bureau" of this State.

I would respectfully ask an official report
from you, touching any violation, of the rights of
person or property, of freedmen, by the white race.
And any violations of law, by the freedmen - and
any violations of law by freedmen upon freedmen,
or their property. Also an Official Statement,
of the correctness of the charge, made by the Agent -
"that the Civil Authorities will not, and do not,
act in cases of shooting and robbing, or in fact
in any case of any importance, - unless the freedman
is the defendant - for fear of disfavor".

As a matter of course, I do not believe one
word of this: But I will be obliged to you, if you
will confer with your County Atty., and the Dist.
Atty.; Ascertain each case, and report to me the partic-
ulars, and the efforts of the Civil Authorities to arrest
and punish. The Agent speaks of ten cases in
his Dist. since the 1st of Jan'y. Get a Statement of
each case from him. I trust the Civil Authorities
of your Section, will use every exertion to punish
crime of every shade, and character, and if these
charges are slanderous, furnish me the evidence.

In regard to the care of orphan children of freed-
men, I would respectfully suggest, that the County
Court make provision to take care of such cases,
until the children can be appropriated to some
one under the State law, as I understand the
law is.

In case of aged black prisoners, I would make statement of the facts to the Bureau Agent, and ask that the Bureau take charge of them, as the State has made no provision, and as the "Civil Government" has made ample provision for them, and Texas pays her share of the taxation necessary to care for them.

As a matter of course, what I have said in this regard is purely suggestive, as it is a matter with which I have no connection.

See Sec. 9 page 104 of late Baggage-law
also " 61 late acts

" Oldham & White's Digest page 29 & 247
defining power & duties of the Courts. This latter law (last paragraph of the Act.) makes it imperative, to provide for indigent prisoners of the County.

I have referred to these things, not because I entertain any doubt as to the disposition of your authorities, to do their duty, but simply to aid you in reference to the laws to be consulted &c.

Very respectfully &c.
A. R. R. S. S. S.

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Dept.
Austin March 5th 1867

Col. Sledge
Chapel Hill.
Washington County, Texas

Dear Sir,

(Wm. Arling)
permission to work the convicts on the Washington County R. R. for repairs &c. is at hand.

In reply I have to say, that we cannot consent to this, as the Bond and Contract - specially says - "the convicts are to work on the 'Airline' road."

Now I suppose, if the "Washington" road and the "Airline" were consolidated, by the two companies under

the "Air-line" Charter, and the Stockholders of the Washington County Comp. - through their President, and Directors, authorize the employment, and become parties to the Bond & Contract, that there would be no objection. The "Pub. Labor Board" are aware of the importance and necessity of repairing the Washington County Road; and believe that it would not only facilitate the "Air-line" project, but would conduce greatly to the public benefit; and will be gratified, if matters can be arranged - so as to pursue the bonds to be thus employed.

Very Respectfully
 Your ob-serv-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas.
 Executive Office
Austin - March 6th 1867

Hon. A. S. Gardner
 County Judge - Leon County
 Centerville Texas -

Sir,

Enclosed I send you the statement of "Mes. Holman" (a freedman) - viz: the "supers" of the "Agent of the Bureau" of your County, etc.

This is a most terrible outrage, and the civil authorities should spare no efforts, to arrest the perpetrators, of so wanton, and heinous, a deed. Please to inform me what steps have been taken to arrest the parties.

There will also hear your County or Dist. Atty, to send me a description of the parties, and certified copies of the complaint, or charges, against them - (if an indictment has been found that is best) - in order that a reward may be offered by me for their apprehension. Very res-

what provocation, if any, was given; or what motive prompted the deed. Immediate attention, and answer, is respectfully requested.

Very Respectfully
Yours Wm. L. Giddens

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Execution Dept.

Austin March 7th 1887

Col. Guy M. Bryan
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir,

In answer to yours of the 1st inst., and one previously - on the subject of the Paris Exhibition, I have to say, that I have examined, with much care and labor, all the correspondence, between the French and American Authorities, - as well as all, that has emanated from our Authorities, - addressed to the Governor of the State, and to persons connected with the exhibition, and no where can I find the authority, for the State to send Commissioners. If the State has Articles on exhibition, they can send Agents, but not Commissioners.

I called the attention of the Legislature on this subject, but that body did not deem it advisable to act. Since then, I have sought information on the subject from various sources, and I can find no authority, to make the appointments desired.

In the resolutions of Congress (which I send you) the President alone appoints. The State are only invited, to encourage the sending of Articles for exhibition.

Besides this - As Texas has nothing to exhibit, and, situated as we, have been, and are yet, totally unable to participate in the exhibition, to the extent that our mineral and agricultural riches would warrant, I cannot believe, that it is correct policy, to appoint Agents or

Commissioners. As a matter of course it would afford me great pleasure to carry out the views of the "Land-holders Convention", and to co-operate with them, in forwarding the interests of our State.

But in this instance, I fear we would subject ourselves to ridicule, and avail the State nothing. I am satisfied the other States that have appointed Agents or Commissioners, appointed them, because of articles intended for exhibition, from such States.

I regret exceedingly the inability of Texas to be represented at the Exhibition, by a liberal display of her Mineral and agricultural productions. But as this is the case, I think it will better comport with her dignity and Self respect that she should have no representation of Agents or Commissioners there.

In this conclusion I may be wrong, but I am ~~strongly~~ sustained in it, by some of our most intelligent men; among them - Col Ashbel Smith, who agreed with me in this view, after a full conference on the subject, during his last visit to the Capitol.

It is proper that I should say to you, that your first communication would have been answered earlier - but for the fact, that I was endeavoring to find some authority or reason for complying with your request.

There has been quite a number of applications from various portions of the State, on the same subject.

I am Dr Sir

With great Respect

Yours Ob: Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin March 8th 1867

Wm M. Stansbury

City Clerk

Washington D.C.

Sir,

By request of the
parties I herewith enclose applications for the
President's pardon

These papers, among many others, were filed with
Provisional Governor, and have remained, unacted
upon by me, in the belief, that other papers
had perhaps been forwarded.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin March 8th 1867

To J. A. Saunders

Counsel for Kingdom of Westminster
Galveston Texas

Sir,

In answer to your
communication of the 25th ult. I would say, that
after mature reflection, I have thought it not proper
to appoint Commissioners to the Paris Exhibition, for
two reasons: 1st I do not believe I have any
such authority. 2nd Texas having entered no
articles for exhibition has no right to appoint
Agents. Besides, ^{United States} the State was her citizens having
entered anything for exhibition, would hardly
be justified in sending Commissioners even though
the authority to appoint existed.

I trust nevertheless (as I have no doubt you will)

which show, you will see, what means you propose,
to make known the most agricultural and mineral re-
sources of Texas, as well as her wants in the way of immi-
gration.

I should any of the laws, or publications of the State,
be of service in this matter, and you desire them, I will
take great pleasure in forwarding them to you.

I am Sir

Your Obedt. Servant.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin March 9th 1864

Hon. C. C. Burdick

County Judge

Wheeler County

Sir

Enclosed, I send
you copy of letter from Genl. Griffin on the subject
of the capture of property of your citizens, by the
U. S. Troops. This will enable them to present
their claims properly, through the Officers of the
Army, to the War Dept. I shall immediately
address the War Dept. and ask a modification of
this regulation, adopted in 1863, and evidently intended
for a different class of captures.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Office
 Austin, March 17th 1867.

Col. A. M. Gentry
 Houston - Texas

Dear Sir,

I send you an official copy from the State of Treasury Office, showing indebtedness of your R. R. Company -

Under the law, it will be forced upon me to act in regard to the sinking fund & interest due from the various Companies of the State.

I will be obliged to you, to learn at once, what is proposed to be done by your Company, towards payment of the annual interest now due. (See ampt. \$25,380.00.)

Also in relation to the "two percent" sinking fund, now due - and due in 1867. - See ampt. \$58,800.00.

You will bear in mind, that the late law of the Legislature, only referred to 1/4 of the interest then due, and unpaid.

Your telegram of Feb. 9th asking me to send copy of my letter to Governor Mills. to the State paper is rather more than I ought to do. It is an impudant want of faith in Gov. Mills, that would not be becoming in an Executive of Texas.

If you desire a copy - and did not retain one - I will send it to you, and you may send it then or elsewhere.

Please to act promptly in the payment of the annual interest; & let me know when I may expect the "sinking fund", or any portion of it.

Yours Truly

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin March 12th 1862

W. H. Marshall

Henderson, Rush Co. Texas

Sir,

In answer to yours of 27th Feb'y I can only say, that I have no knowledge, more than that derived from the "Act of the Legislature", appointing the "Board of Administrators", as to the intention or expectation of the framers of the law.

I would suggest, before locating the University for Eastern Texas, that the same policy be pursued by your board, as has been determined upon by the Board for the "State-University", that is, to examine localities, ascertain the amount of land, or other contributions, the different localities, that offer eligible sites, will give. Also a correspondence with the State-University board, so as not to locate the two Universities too nearly together. It appears to me that, the location of the site for the University, was all that was contemplated, by the resolution, to be done at present; and the continuance in office, perhaps contemplated some further action by the Legislature, requiring other duties not yet prescribed, but to be defined by a future act.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin March 13th 1867

Charles Reitz
Esq.
Fayette County, Texas
Sir,

Enclosed you will find copy of the Atty. Genl's opinion in regard to questions you submitted.

I presume the "Opinion" affords the information you asked.

Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Lott.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin March 13th 1867

Wm. Phillips
Austin Texas.
Sir,

In compliance with your request, I send you copies of my letters to Judge Brown of Caldwell County, the 1st of Decr 1866 - the 3rd Jan. 1867 - the 3rd of Feb. 9th - and the 4th of Feb. 13th.

The one of Jan. 1867 contains extracts you desired, and are that part of it referring to the "Red and Purple".

I also send you copy of the Memorial of Citizens to "Agent of Prudhomme's Bureau". There was no memorial in the same, or connected with it, when it came to my office - except copy of a letter from Agent to the H. S. & A. Bureau. If you desire a copy of that letter, or any other papers connected with those matters, by making the request known, you shall have the same.

Respectfully
Wm. H. Lott.

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin March 15th 1869

A. Chapman

Post No. 1 & 13, N. W. Comp.

Houston Texas

Sir,

Yours Obedt.

having failed to pay the interest required by the late "Stay Law", as well as the "Sinking fund" due, unless prompt arrangements are made to pay the same, I will be forced to proceed to sell the road under the law.

The advertisement is already prepared, but I desire if possible to avoid a sale.

If the interest can be paid, I think I would be justified, in not selling, on account of the Sinking fund.

I do not wish, if possible to avoid it, imposing the companies on account of the Sinking fund.

I desire to hear from you without delay.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin March 21st 1869

D. C. Dickson

Financial Agent, Provisionary

Huntsville, Texas.

Dear Sir,

Yours report,

showing amount of stock etc, recd by you, connected with the State Provisionary, and disbursements under your Agency, with other papers, recd by Mr. Davis, yesterday.

In reply I beg to tender you the thanks of the Executive Department, for the energy, and skill, displayed by you, in the discharge of the duties of

As a matter of course, I never entertained a doubt; as to the manner in which you enter upon, & discharge, the onerous, and embarrassing, duties of the position.

I feel certain that under your management, and that of Col. Gillespie, the Institution will not only disencumber itself of a heavy load of debt, but will be able to take care of itself, in the future, & pay some revenue to the State.

Your reports are quite satisfactory. Yourself, the Superintendent, & Directors, have my thanks.

Truly Yours &c

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin March 23rd 1867

Col. James Gillespie

Sup. Penitentiary

Huntsville Tex.

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Dear Sir,

It appears to me ~~that~~ a good rule to be adopted, that the Superintendent should make "Quarterly Reports" to the Comptroller, of such property as is under his control, and not embraced in the reports of the "Financial Agent".

The reports from both Officers would give a complete showing of the actual amount of property &c of the Institution.

Yours Truly

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - March 25th 1867

George Taylor -
Robt. J. Brent -
Richd. Merrick -
Washington City

Gentlemen

Mr. Epifurson
informs me that the original Contract did not
reach you. Find enclosed - Copy.

Respectfully &c

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - March 25th 1867

Col. Davis Lewis
Sajr - Genl.

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Dear Sir:

Congress having
passed a law, prohibiting the organization of the
Militia of the States of the South, it will be
useful to keep up the work in your Office, and
as soon as you can get your matters now on hand
in regard to the Indians, arranged, and come down,
and finish up some matters in the Office, I will
relieve you from duty, temporarily, until such
time as your services may be required.

As a matter of course - under the late law of Congress
Maj. Barron - can get no authority from the State
to raise troops - and so please inform him.

Most Truly &c

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - March 25th 1861Col. Davis Lusk
Adj't. Genl.

Macu. Texas

Dear Col.

Yours of 18th inst. was recd by last-mail - but - too late to reply by return Stage -

You can go as high as \$200.00 for the transportation, and service, of removing the Indians, but no more expense on any account can be allowed.

If you can get them furnished there, on the faith of the Commissioner's Pledge, letter - all right - but I am determined to expend no more money for them.

And if they are too much trouble to manage, you will turn them loose to shift for themselves, and the military authorities can look after them.

I am exceedingly anxious to get these Indians off the hands of the State.

Very Respectfully
Your Obd. Servt.

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin March 26th 1861

Col. J. B. Hollingum

State-Engineer

Milner

Texas

Dear Sir

The original, of the enclosed copy, was forwarded at the time of its date -

I have heard nothing from you

The matters referred to need attention.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department-

Austin - March 26. 1887

J. S. Roberts

C. & P. T. & N. C. R.R. Co.

Houston Texas

On receipt of yours of the 22nd inst. I sat down to make the appointment requested, and took the law in hand for examination. I find I have not the power to make Special Appointments, where there is a State-Engineer. By a careful examination of the late laws, you will find this is the case.

I am satisfied, from reports made to me by Mr. Hollingquest, the Engineer, of his examination of the Southern Pacific road - that the high water has delayed my letter to him - ordering him to examine your road, and others. But I hope he is now on his way; But - I will telegraph to him through Marshall, and order him again to perform the duty.

I am sorry to have heard nothing from you or Mr. Lantry, on the subject of the "Interest" and "Sinking fund" due from your road.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
Austin - March 26th 1867

James Converse Esqr
 Houston Texas

Sir,

Your communication
 of the 15th inst. recd. In reply I have to say
 that an Engineer was appointed for the State,
 some months since, who was qualified, and
 entered upon the discharge of his duties.

With respect-

Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
Austin - March 27th 1867

Herman Seale

New Braunfels

Bernal County - Texas

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you
 will find pardon for "Nelson Gardner" - freedman -
 which you will have recorded &c. - when you get a
 receipt for the Dist. Atty fee - or have the money
 deposited to the order of Comptroller, of which you
 will notify at once.

Yours Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - March 27th 1867

M^r. M. L. Storer

Refugio

Texas

Sir,

In answer to your favor of the 22nd Inst. asking remission of judgment on forfeited bond. I must inform you that I cannot act without first having copy of the papers in the case - that is - Copy of the Bond - judgment of the Court upon the forfeiture - nisi & final judgment - with a statement sworn to by yourself - or statement of the Officers of the Court - of the facts of the case.

With these papers, and the facts appearing as you represent them, and as I have no doubt they are - I will remit the amount of the bond.

But I cannot remit the costs and fees going to the Officers of the Court &c.

Yours Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - March 27th 1867

Brig. Genl. Cates

Com^{dg} U. S. Troops

Austin, Texas

Genl.

The bearer M^r. Tolbert - a very worthy citizen of Williamson County - has called upon me this morning in regard to the Freedmen that remained in his County. I have informed M^r. Tolbert that I could do nothing for Freedmen. They refused to go with the Agent.

long as they refuse to comply with my orders. I can do nothing for them. I have had no information of late - as to how those at - Waco are getting along. I forwarded orders by the last mail to carry out the previous orders, of which you are aware, if it was possible.

Anything you may be able to do to relieve Mr Tolbert, and the people of Williamson, will be a favor to worthy citizens.

As a matter of course, I am not justified in funding these Indians on the faith of the Commissioner's letter, unless they will keep together and obey orders.

I am Genl. Most respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - March 28th 1867

D. C. Dickson

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 24th recd. for which I am greatly obliged. Davis' work is quite satisfactory. I would advise you not to pay the drafts given by Agent. to Leavethers for \$9000.00 and to P. H. Walker for \$8000.00.

You will know the ones to which I refer. Davis is not here & I may not mention the proper ones. I think you should be very careful in paying any of these old debts - where there is a prospect that the parties are behind with the State. It will be more specific in future.

Yours Truly

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - March 30th 1867

P. E. Pearson

Matagorda

Texas.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 18th I would suggest that - as E. A. Pearson is dead there is no necessity for the application for pardon in his case being referred to the President - as any offence committed by him cannot implicate his family. Such is my view: Yet - should you, upon further enquiry, desire the application to go on, I will take great pleasure in recommending and forwarding the same.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin March 30th 1867

To Dist. Clerk

Trinity County.

Sumpter Texas

Sir:

I am just in receipt of Judge Cropper's letter asking a pardon for one a boy sentenced to the Penitentiary.

I cannot act without a Copy of "Indictment" "Judgment" and "Statement of facts". Therefore please forward them. In the meantime I send a respite of the execution of the sentence, in order to give time for me to act. Also send a petition of the Citizens of the County - Officers if they agree with the case.

be pardoned. I have also adopted a rule requiring the Dist. Atty's fees - Clerks and Sheriff's fees that are paid by the State to be paid in most instances where pardons are granted.

If your people are sorry for the boy to that amount, or if he has friends to aid him and a memorial comes up with the papers I will extend the clemency asked.

I have no doubt it will be an act of magnanimity and charity on the part of the good people of your County.

You should send me a receipt from the Officers mentioned or send the money to the Comptroller.

If the boy has already been sent to the Penitentiary the dispute will be of no avail and you need not record it. Otherwise you will make it of record. But in any case carry out the other instructions.

Very respectfully,

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin March 30th 1885

My. J. B. Barry

Meridian, Borgue Co. Tex.

Dear Sir,

(Yours of March 16th)

at hand. A copy of portions of your letter with suggestions from me to Maj. Gen. Griffin has been forwarded to his H. Q.'s. I have been constant in my endeavors to get posts established all along the frontier, and have great hopes of success.

I have thought Phantom Hill was most fit for our use, but I presume you know best. Therefore I insist on it in my com-

muneration

Rest assured I shall not waver in my efforts.
Yours Truly

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin, March 30th 1867

To His Excellency
Governor Mills

New Orleans, La.

Governor

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At the earliest moment possible I have forwarded the information you desired concerning "Robt. Anderson" alias "Anderson Mark" etc etc.

It will be seen from the enclosed testimony that the person in question is not a very good citizen.

I am Governor

Most Respectfully
Yours Obd. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin. April 1st 1867

Hon. Henry Stanberry
Atty Genl.

Washington City - D.C.

Sir,

I find enclosed applications - from Harrison County Texas - from Eldon Greer, Geo. A. Harris, Hardin Joyce, & A. J. Sandidge - from Austin County - that of Edw. N. Clark - from Polk County. James H. Martin - from Grimes County Geo H. Wilson, - and from San Augustine County that of B. Reilly - all of whom ask Executive Clemency.

I recommend all the applicants to the favorable consideration of the President.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt-Servr -

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr. 2nd 1867

Brig. Genl. Sturgis
Comdg U. S. Forces
Austin Texas

General.

Mr. Gimpleman - the
beaver and Sheriff of Travis County, has to state to
the Penitentiary with four convicts, of very
bad character. He is satisfied, from information
obtained from reliable sources, that an effort
will be made to rescue the convicts. He has four
guards allowed by the law, but for such desperados,
and for such times they are not sufficient.

Therefore I feel constrained to call upon
you for assistance, and hope you may be able to

furnish the Sheriff a good Commissioned Officer - or if this is not convenient - a reliable Non-commissioned Officer & such guard as may be necessary to successfully convey the gentleman to their prison house.

By so doing you will render needed assistance in executing the laws.

I am General

Most Respectfully
Your Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin April 5th 1867

Messrs Chamberlain, Flint

& Shelton

Boston

Gentlemen

Your application, and accompanying papers, asking redemption of fine imposed upon one Dixon, at recent Term of Bell County Court, has been received and duly considered.

I do not think the case one which requires, or will justify Executive Clemency. A jury have heard his case, and if the circumstances would have justified at all - with the able counsel he had for his defence - I have no doubt the fine would have been the lowest allowed by law.

My heart is appalled to every day, and my sympathies all the time aroused - not only in this case - if there had been any error for it, a jury of his neighbors, would have placed the fine at the lowest possible limit.

I am Gentlemen

Your Obt-Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin - Apr. 6th 1867

C. C. McGinnis
 Co. Judge
 Bastrop County

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Dear Sir,

Yours in relation to vacancy in certain offices recd. In reply I have to say that I am now in correspondence with the military authorities on the subject, and, in a few days, hope to be able to give you full information.

In the meantime - I think it prudent to suspend any writs for election.

You shall be apprized of the result at the earliest moment.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin Apr. 6th 1867

M. Priest
 B. B. Cannon
 C. M. Shoemaker et al.

Rusk Texas.

Gentlemen

Your memorial and accompanying papers - asking - "Pardon" for Bentley More has been recd. and carefully considered.

I regret that my sense of duty compels me to disappoint your wishes. Every day brings applications more or less asking for Executive Clemency. No one feels more keenly than myself the sympathy naturally created for the sufferings of our fellow-creatures.

I have exercised the power conferred upon me.

haps more freely than it was ever before exercised by any Governor. I have adopted certain rules to govern me, as far as possible, in such cases. This one certainly does not come within any rule that should control in cases where the pardoning power should be invoked.

Doubtless the convicted party had able counsel. He was tried by a jury of his fellow citizens. If there had been doubts, or extenuating circumstances, he would have been acquitted, or convicted for a life grade of offence.

There is a great laxity in the public mind, upon the question of the observance of the laws. We should stimulate good men to enforce the laws and by a rigid enforcement, restrain and deter the reckless and vicious.

When this man shall have served within a few days of his term, if I am in office I will grant a pardon & restore him to his civil rights, if reminded of it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin. Apr. 8th 1867

May: Genl. Griffin

Comdg Dist of Texas

Galveston

General.

Your communication of the 4th inst. received by yesterday's mail.

By tomorrow's mail, I will send you the number of white and black voters of each County, as nearly as we can ascertain them from the statistics we have. I shall immediately put to each County a Circular letter asking to be furnished at once, with the names of such persons as are qualified to act as "Registers" and can take the oath.

I am Genl. Very Respectfully,

Governor

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr. 10th 1867

J. Madison Wells
Gov. of La.

Dear Sir.

The bearer, Mr. Kidd
a respectable citizen of this State, carries a requisition
to your Excellency, for the delivery of three fugitives
from this State, who are now in La.

I bespeak for Mr. Kidd every aid in your power, in
order that his mission may be successful, as, I doubt
not, a most atrocious murder was committed by the
parties. Should the circumstances require it - it may
perhaps be well for the Military to render such assist-
ance, in the way of guard, as will ensure their delivery
in Texas. Should it be deemed necessary to have assistance
in this regard, your friendly Office with the Military
Authorities will be a favor

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr. 11th 1867

May, Genl. Sheridan
Comd'g 5th Brigade Dist.
New Orleans La.

General.

The bearer of
this is Mr. Kidd, a respectable and worthy citizen of
Texas, who has a requisition from me to Gen. Wells,
for the delivery of three persons, charged with murder in
this State, who are now in La. If it is necessary, and
Mr. Kidd should request assistance, it will be aiding in the

execution of the laws, if you can furnish a small guard, to aid in the safe delivery of the accused parties, to the authorities in the county, where the murder is charged to have been committed.

It may also be necessary to furnish the Civil authorities of La. assistance in making the arrests.

If so I hope you will give the necessary orders.

It is important to Texas that such men, as these fugitives are represented to be, should be brought to trial, and punishment for their crimes - notwithstanding the murder was committed during the war.

I am General.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department -

Austin. Apr. 11th 1867

Major Genl. Griffin

Comdg Dist. Texas

Galveston -

General.

Your two favors of the 8th and 9th received. By tomorrow's mail, I hope to have completed the total white vote under the laws of the State, and the nearest approximation - black vote. It has been somewhat difficult to approach anything like correctness in estimating the latter class. But I will forward a complete list of Counties, and the vote of each as near as it can be approximated.

I am now having prepared, a complete list of the appointees of Gov. Hamilton, and will begin tomorrow to forward the same, - and continue every mail until finished. This list will perhaps embrace three thousand persons, and it will require some one clerk to do it.

me clerk to complete it.

I am General

Your obt. Servant

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Apr. 11th 1869

Myrs Wabbe.

Brook &

Moore

Lalanga Texas.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 4th inst. I must say, that the suggestions appear to me very proper, - all of them - and I expect to act upon them as you have suggested.

I incline to the opinion, that perhaps the same can be as well, and fairly tried, in Wharton as here.

Of these things, I presume your situation makes you much more competent to judge than myself.

The trip to Va. doubtless will be of service, but may not the part of the business to be attended to there, be very properly acted upon, by some local Atty of that State, or other individual who could make the necessary investigations?

I will however leave all of this matter to be determined by the Atty Genl. on his return.

He will not be absent long. In the meantime, you can take such steps as you may think best, to put everything in a fair way for the interests of the State; as a matter of course, the true facts should be ascertained, but impostures should be exposed. This is a duty.

Correspond with Atty Genl. and I will sustain his action.

Respectfully Your obt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin April 12th 1867

May: Genl. Griffin

Commanding Dist. of Texas

Galveston.

Genl.

Enclosed, you will find list of State Officers appointed by Governor Hamilton. Also lists from certain Counties who are qualified to act as "Registers". Additional lists of County Officers will be forwarded with dispatch.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt-Servr

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Apr. 12th 1867

County Atty

Parker County

Texas

Sir,

The Atty Genl. is absent attending Supreme Court at Tyler. On his return your letter will be answered.

In the meantime, I would advise you to prosecute in all cases. The laws ought to be rigorously enforced. It can only be done by the Officers energetically discharging their duty.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt-Servr

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - April 12th 1867Hon. S. D. Bradley
Fairfield, Texas

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 6th inst.received. I regret the tender of your resignation, but
I presume I have no right to refuse to accept it.At this juncture it appears to me we should
stand up to the responsibility we accepted at the
hands of the people.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obt. Serv.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Apr. 13th 1867Maj. Genl. Griffin
Comd'g Dist. of Texas
Galveston.

General,

Herewith you will
find additional appointments in certain counties
made by Governor Hamilton.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obt. Serv.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin. Apr. 13th 1867

Maj. Genl Griffin
Comd Dist Texas
Galveston

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Genl.

Find additional list of
Appointments made by Gen. Hamilton - herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin. Apr. 13th 1867

Jas. M. Lindsey
Gainsville Texas

Dear Sir,

Your favor of — date recd.,
and turned over to the Quartermaster to answer; and he has
written to Col. Malton, at Tyler, to notify him of the
misdelivery of the papers &c. As soon as Malton returns,
or is heard from, you will get answer on that part of
your letter. So inform Judge Wheeler.

I have had no report from Judge W. of Indian dep-
redations in Cooke County - since the Surrender.

I would like to have a full report of all - killed
Captured or wounded persons - horses - killed and stolen
Cattle - &c - Value - and names of sufferers.

I am afraid that the Company post. will be, at once, established
at "Buffalo Springs" - at "Bellmead" & other points east of "Buffalo Spr." &
North. Very Doubtful.

Was glad to hear from you. Your views are unquestionably correct. My
own views you will see in the papers soon -

Truly Yr Friend &c

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Apr. 15th 1867

Col. J. L. Gillespie

Supr. Penitentiary

Huntsville - Texas

Dear Sir.

Yours in re-
gard to pardon of Julius Strutz, recd. If Strutz has
any friends in Houston, or elsewhere, who will
certify to good Character &c, previous to his con-
viction, & will sign a petition, I will grant the
request with pleasure. This is the proper way.
But if he is so unfortunate, as to have had no friends,
and you think it would be a proper act on my part,
notify me, and I will further consider it.

Yours Very Sincerely

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Apr 17th 1867

M. H. Clement

Tyler - Texas

Dear Sir.

I am satisfied your
pardon was reached this Dept. as there is no entry
thereof on the books. All are entered when recd. and
when - & by whom - & to whom for.

I have written this day to Mr. Seward for duplicate,
or for such other evidence as will secure it's benefit
to you.

Very Respectfully
Yours Ob. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr. 17th 1867

Hon. Nat- Benton
Sequim - Texas

Yours of the 15th with enclosures received. I beg to thank you, for the promptness with which you have complied with my request in this matter, & also in response to my Circular Order of the 8th inst.

Was no testimony taken of the other members of the Burrows family? The daughters or wife of Burrows? It is important that I have their sworn statements of the occurrence. You will please manage so as to get it. By so doing you will oblige.

Yrs most-Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr. 17th 1867

May. Genl. Griffin
Comdg Dist. of Texas
Galveston

General

Enclosed, you will find additional lists of the appointments, made by Gov. Hamilton: Also reports from County Judges, of persons who can act as Registrars, in the Counties of Travis, Austin, Jackson, Bell, Comal, & Bexar.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servant

Governor of Texas

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State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Apr. 17th 1867

Col. Geo. W. Sink's

La Grange
Texas.

Sir.

Your favor of the 15th inst. with enclosures of Cash acpt, recd.

I will be glad to hear from you again, and will be greatly obliged if you will make up, and forward, at your earliest convenience, a full and complete report, of your operations, as financial Agent of the Penitentiary.

Very Respectfully
Gerritt Smith

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Apr. 17th 1867

Geo. W. Johnson

County Judge

Bellville, Texas

Sir.

I return you my thanks, for the promptness of your response to the "Circular" from this Dept. of the 21st inst.

I have no knowledge of the number of registers, that will be appointed for each county. I presume that these registers would be a compliance with the law, but it is probable that more will be appointed.

As soon as any information is recd. on this subject, or anything connected with the registering or voting, it will be given in the public prints.

Very Respectfully &c

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin Apr. 17th 1867

Capt. Wm L. Smith

State Agent

Nacogdoches Texas

Dear Sir

If you are acquainted with Mr. Lyons, - the Chief of Police for Nacogdoches - and think him a prudent and discreet man, you will place in his hands, the accompanying copies of, letter from Maj. Genl. Griffin to me, and report of the officers, as to his late visit to Nacogdoches, with a view, that Mr. Lyons will furnish me, a truthful statement of the facts, as they occurred. Also, whether it is true, that the Citizens would have attacked the soldiery, if "Thorn" had been arrested.

I would be glad also, to have a statement of the cause or causes, that led to the death of the Federal soldiers referred to. As a matter of course, some statements as to the facts are best.

I do not wish publicity given to this enquiry, but I wish some discreet person, who understands such things, and who can appreciate the condition of the country, to get up the facts for me. If our people have done wrong, I wish to know it. Or if the Officers and soldiery did wrong. I wish to know it; in order that I may vindicate the one, and lay the facts, as to the other, before Genl. Griffin.

If Mr. Lyons (whom I do not know) is not the proper person, perhaps you can find some one, who will do.

Very Respectfully

Amos A. Linn

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr. 18th 1867

May. Genl. Griffin
County Dist. of Texas
Galveston

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General.

Accompanying, you will find, additional lists of appointments made by Governor Hamilton. Also a list of persons, submitted by Hon. E. T. Axtell of Galveston County, who are competent to act as Registers.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr 19th 1867

May. Genl. Griffin
County Dist. of Texas
Galveston.

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General

Please find enclosed, list of appointments for additional counties, with list from same, made by Gov. Hamilton.

Also find lists, submitted by County Judges, of persons qualified to act as Registers, from the Counties of Harris, Williamson, Milam, Travis, & Hill, and an additional list from Bexar, and a list from San Saba Co.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servant

Governor of Texas

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State of Texas
Executive Department—
Austin Apr 27 1864

George M. Collins
Bastrop, Texas

Sir,

Enclosed find "Circular Order" from the Military Command, which is a response to my enquiries directed to him. Send me the name of some one, who can act as Officer, and who does not come within the excluded list, as specified in the 3^d Sect. of the proposed "14th Art." (Amendment to the Constitution). That is: No person can hold office, or fill vacancies, now occurring in State or County Offices, who had been a "Civil or Military Officer of the U. S."—a "Member of Congress"—or who had been a "member of a State Legislature"—an "Executive or judicial Officer"—and taken the "oath to support the Constitution of the U. S."—and afterwards engaged in "Rebellion." &c.

Your letter, and Gov. Jones', in relation to the fine, imposed upon Mr. Bell by the "Agent of the Bureau", received.

Send me certified copies of the legal proceedings in case of Bell: Also in case of Ingraham—with statement of facts &c. &c.

By what means, I may be able to get it investigated, but I have little hope.

I have asked for a "Military Commission", to investigate the killing of citizens, by the soldiers, in Caldwell, and no attention is paid to it, but I shall not cease to try and protect our people.

Yours Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin Apr 20th 1869

Hon. Henry Stanton
Atty Genl.

Washington - D. C.

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Sir.

Please find, enclosed, applications of Messrs Calvin J. Fields, Nicholas Spurgin, J. D. Warden, and Silas Baggett, for Amnesty and pardon - all of which are most respectfully recommended, to His Excellency, the President's, most favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be
Yours obt. Servt -

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr 20th 1869

Hon. Henry Stanton
Atty Genl.

Washington D. C.

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Sir.

Please find, enclosed, the applications, for Special pardon, of Thos. Rucker, Thos. W. Stewart, and Wm. H. Jones, - Critics of Texas.

I most respectfully recommend the same, to the favorable consideration of the President.

I have the honor to be
Yours obt. Servt -

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
Austin Apr. 22nd 1867

99 Hon. M. E. Calus
 County Judge
 McLennan Co.
 Waco Texas.

Dear Sir,

You bear my thanks,
 for the promptness of your answer to my "Circular" of
 the 8th Inst.

Accompanying this, you will find "Proclamations",
 which will explain, that your action in suspending
 writs of election was proper, and also give the infor-
 mation you desire.

Very Respectfully

Your Obl-Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
Austin Apr. 22nd 1867

100 Maj. Genl. Griffin
 Comdg Mil. Dist: Texas
 Galveston

General.

101 Find, enclosed, addition-
 al reports, from County Judges, of persons qualified to act as Registrars,
 including the Counties of Lavaca, Washington, Falls, McLennan, Johnson
 San, Patricio, Walker, & Matamoros. Also additional lists from
 the Counties of Granddison, & Jackson; Also additional lists
 of appointments made by Gov. Hamilton

Very Respectfully

Your Obl-Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin Apr 22nd 1867

May: Genl. Griffin
 Comdg Dist: Texas
 Galveston

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General

Enclosed, you will please find the conclusion of the appointments made by Governor Hamilton.

Also lists of persons, submitted as qualified to act as Registers, from Limstone County.

I also enclose a copy of Proclamation, confirming to Special Orders No 66, from Dist: No 2nd.

Additional Copies of the same will be forwarded when printed.

Very Respectfully,
 Your Obedient

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas

Execution Department

Austin Apr 24th 1867

May: Genl. Griffin
 Comdg. Dist: Texas
 Galveston

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General

The accompanying letter of dat: 22nd inst: was, by mistake, left out of the package, it was intended to accompany.

Accompanying this, you will find an Affidavit; subscribed by Wm. M. Spitzer, who is recommended as a suitable person to fill the Office of "Assessor and Collector" of State & County Taxes, for Bastrop County.

There is a vacancy, and should be filled at the earliest possible moment; as, I am informed, by the County Judge and Comptroller of Public Accounts, that the

work is greatly behind, and the County involved in debt, and not a dollar to pay expenses - etc.

Your prompt attention will confer a public benefit. Mr Spitzer is recommended as well qualified. The old auditor was removed some time since, for being a defaulter - & the writs of election to fill the vacancy, suspended until the question should be settled, as the proper mode of filling the vacancy.

Very Respectfully
Your Obl. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin April 24th 1867

Major Genl. Griffin
Comd'g Dist - Texas
Galveston

General

Enclosed, you will find
lists of Registers submitted from the Counties of
Refugio, - Calhoun, - and Bolivar.

Very Respectfully
Your Obl. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
Austin April 26th 1867

May: Genl. Griffin
 Comdg Dist. Texas
 Galveston

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General

Enclosed you will find
 a list of "Registers" &c, submitted, by County Judges,
 from the Counties - Blanco, Brazoria, Dallas, Bosque,
 Lampasas, San Saba, Burnet and Lin Cole

I am General,

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servr

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
Austin April 27th 1867

May: Genl. Griffin
 Comdg Dist. Texas
 Galveston

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General

Herewith, are the lists
 of names, submitted, as qualified persons to act as Registers,
 in the Counties of Brazos, Calhoun (additional)
 Matagorda, Liberty, and an additional list from
 Texas.

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servr

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - April 29th 1867

Brig. Genl. Oakes
Comd'g Post-
Austin, Texas.

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Genl.

Mr. Hurley, the bearer
hereof, is in pursuit of John T. Burlison, who is
supposed to be in this vicinity. Burlison has
been indicted for the murder of Mr. Hurley's son, and is
now a refugee from the Officers of the law. Any assist-
ance, you may be able to afford, in his capture, will be
in furtherance of the execution of the laws of this
state. The Sheriff of this county is on the
look-out but I presume the military may be able
to render valuable assistance.

Mr. H. will furnish you a warrant, from the
Judge, for the arrest of the accused.

I am General

Very Respectfully
Your Obd. Servt.

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin Apr 29th 1867

Capt. Jas. S. Emmons
26th U. S. Infy
Comd'g Post
Waco Texas.

Sir,

Yours, of 22nd inst.
relative to the petition of Mr. Richy. Recd. I regret
that the petition of Mr. Richy has been misplaced
or destroyed. I remember very well to have recd.
and instructed the Secy. of State to

and give him the necessary instructions, in order that I could have something upon which to base a reward. The Secty replied in his letter to Mr. Richy directing him to send an affidavit charging the murder, - or Copy of the indictment, if one had been found. The Secty possessed no copy of his letter, and is not certain whether it was directed to Maco, Springhill, or Corsicana. The petition was mailed at Maco, if my memory serves me. In one of those offices the Secty's answer will be found, if Mr. R. has not seen it. I will offer the customary reward, upon the proper Complaint - or Copy of Indictment, with name and description of the accused, upon Exp. of the papers.

Enclosed I send you copy of letter, written by me to Mrs. Lawrence, in answer to one from her, in which she justified her husband.

This horror was seen long before Mr. Richy's Memorial.

I am Sir.

Yours Obt. Servr -

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Execution Department
Austin April 29th 1867

Wm. Henry Starbuck
Atty Genl.

Sir.

Enclosed are the applications, for Amnesty and pardon, of David Lewis, Henry S. Fox and Sackfield McClain. These applications are respectfully recommended to the President - for his favorable consideration.

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Servr -

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin April 29th 1867

Hon. J. J. Herring
 Co. Judge - Jefferson County

Sir,

You have my thanks for the promptness of your answer to "Circular" from this Dept. of the 8th Dist. There has been the most commendable responses from a large number of Counties.

Nothing, I can say, will be regarded by the Military - or Registers (as they will act under orders) in construing the "Act of Congress". I have, however, asked an authoritative construction of the law, and have just reason to believe, the Atty Genl. U.S. will deliver a written opinion covering all the doubtful points. My impression is, that if a person held office as an "Officer of the U.S.", or was a "Member of Congress"; or was a "Member of a State Legislature"; or was an "Executive or Judicial Officer of a State"; and afterwards engaged in rebellion - whether voluntary or not; such persons will be excluded from voting; unless proof can be made that the act was forced: &c.

Very Respectfully &c

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin April 29th 1867

Maj. Genl. Griffin
 Comd'g Dist. Texas - Galveston.

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General. Enclosed are the names of persons, submitted as qualified Registers, from the Counties of Rock, Navarro, Ellis, Webb, Fannin, Robertson, and additional lists from the Counties - Gaudelup - Garza, Jefferson, and corrected list from Harris.

I am General. Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt -

State of Texas
 Executive Department
Austin May 1st 1867

May: Genl. Griffin
 Comdg Dist. of Texas
 Galveston

General.

Herewith find List of names submitted, as of persons qualified to act as Registers for the counties of Leon, Colorado, Henderson, Parker, Cherokee, Smith, and Harrison; also additional List submitted from the counties - Hill, Tarrant, and Cherokee.

Also enclosed find recommendations, from County Judge of McLennan, of certain persons to fill vacancies, in County Offices, which are respectfully submitted for your early action.

I am General

Most Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
Austin - May 3rd 1867

May: Genl. Griffin
 Comdg Dist. of Texas
 Galveston

General

Accompanying, please find Recommendation of Mr. Allen M. Erskine, for County Surveyor of Landelup County. Also List of names for "Registers", for the Counties of Colorado, Freestone, San Augustine, Kendall, Polk, Limestone, and Harrison, with a letter from Messrs Everett, and R. A. McFarlan, with the endorsement thereon. I have notified Mr. E. that I will be obliged to him, for additional names, and that when recd, they will be promptly forwarded &c.

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin May 14th 1867M^r. Thos. D. Everett

Iron Mountain

Rock County - Texas.

Sir,

Your favor of the 26th ult., signed by yourself, and M^r. McFarland, has been received - Copied - and Copy forwarded to Maj. Genl. Griffin, with "Report" of the County Judge of Rock County. I will be obliged to you, for any names you may send, which shall be promptly placed before the proper Officers.

I take pleasure in saying to you, that you have certainly done your County Judge injustice, as he puts down your name in his "Report", and "Specially recommends you as 'well-qualified', a 'just and honorable man' and 'loyal to the General Government'."

I am your Obedt Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin May 6th 1867

Maj. Genl. Griffin

Com^dg Dist. of Texas

Galveston -

General.

For your information you will find enclosed, letter to Hon. W. F. Austin, instructing him in regard to the "Pardons" herewith accompanying - for Alexander and Moody - granted in accordance with your request of the 3rd inst. You will please have Judge Austin furnished with the enclosures.

I have the honor to be

Most-Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt -

Governor

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 6th 1867

Oscar F. Hunsaker
Galveston

Texas

Sir

Your favor of April 13th - but recently mailed - with memorial of number of citizens asking pardon for Thos. Howard - Colored man - was received this morning. In answer thereto I have to say that the pardon will be granted, upon your furnishing me, Copy (Certified) of the indictment, judgment of the Court, and also brief statement of facts certified by any Officer of Court, - Dist. Atty, - Judge, - or if inconvenient - any jurymen & respectable citizen - who heard the evidence. I would suggest further that the fees, paid by the State in such cases, to the Dist. Atty - Dist. Clerk - & Sheriff - be paid by the Govt. I do not mention this as an absolute requirement, and if it is perfectly clear that the party is innocent, he should not pay it; but when there is evidence of guilt, and the extenuating circumstances, previous good character, or Minor Character, of the Offender, justifies "Executive Clemency" I have established the rule, of having those fees reimbursed to the State.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servt -

Governor of Texas

P.S.

I have received nothing from Judge Levi on the subject.

State of Texas
Executive Office
Austin May 6th 1862

Hon. Wm. H. Seward
Sec. of State
Washington D.C.

Sir,

Accompanying, please find acceptance of W.S. Sutherland of President's Amnesty and Special pardon, with conditions &c

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 6th 1862

Hon. Henry Stanbery
Atty Genl.

Washington D.C.

Sir,

Accompanying, please find applications for pardon, of Geo. B. Adams and Richd. Reiley. I respectfully recommend the same, to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the President.

I have the honor to be

Your most obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
Austin May 6th 1867

Hon. Wm. G. Austin
 County Judge Calaveras County
 Calaveras =

Sir.

Enclosed, I forward to you, through the "H. D. S." of the Maj. Genl. Comd'g the "Dist of Texas", pardons for Thos. Alexander, and David Moody, now confined in your jail. You will please have the blanks filled properly in the pardons. - Also direct the Clerk of the Court in which the parties were convicted, to record the pardons, after the blanks have been filled; also to furnish this Dept. with certified copy of the indictment in each case, with judgment of the Court, and brief statement of facts, in order that the same may be filed as archives of this Office; after which you will deliver the pardons, or cause the same to be done, to the parties. &c.

Your early and prompt attention is requested.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
Austin May 7th 1867

To Hon. County Judge
 Medina County

Sir.

Your favor, of recent date, in regard to vacancy in one of your County Offices, has been received, and forwarded to Maj. Genl. Griffin, with the request, that the vacancy be filled at once. - Respectfully &c

Governor of Texas

85

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 7th 1867

49 To Hon.
County Judge
Wolde County=

Sir,

Your favor, informing me of vacancy in one of your County Offices, has been forwarded to Maj. Genl. Griffin for his action, with request that the same be filled at once.

Very Respectfully Yours Obd Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - May 7th 1867

99 Hon. County Judge
Tall County

Sir,

Your favor, concerning vacancy in county office, has been duly forwarded to Maj. Genl. Griffin for his action; with request that the same be acted upon without delay.

Very Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 7th 1867

87 Maj. Genl. Chas. Griffin
Comdg Dist. of Texas

General,

Herewith enclosed you will find, list of names submitted for Registers, by the County Judges of
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Hamilton, Montgomery and Coryell Counties,
 Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt-Servr-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin May 7th 1861

Judge V. Bracken
 Houston

99

Dear Sir,

Your favor of recent date, notifying me of the vacancy in office of Assessor and Collector of Taxes, in your County, and recommending Mr. Donley, has been received, and forwarded for Maj. Genl. Griffin's action, with an urgent request, that the vacancy be supplied at once. I am sorry to say that Genl. Griffin has notified me, that he has decided to appoint no one to fill a vacancy, who cannot take the oath of July 1862. To me this is a most singular construction of the law.

I am sir. Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt-Servr-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin May 7th 1861

Judge Perkins
 Brazoria
 Texas

Dear Sir,

Your favor of recent date, showing vacancies in County Offices, has been forwarded to Maj. Genl. Griffin, with request that they be filled at once. I have been informed by Genl. Griffin, that he will appoint no one to Office, who cannot take the oath of July 1862. Upon what

authority this construction of the law is based, I have not.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin May 8th 1867

Maj. Genl. Griffin

Comdg Dist of Texas

Galveston -

General,

Enclosed you will find, "lists" of persons submitted by County Judges, as competent to act as Registrars, for the Counties of Hunt, Collin, Panola, Trinity, Denton, Lamar, Nacogdoches, Uvalde, Grimes, Bandera, Anderson, and Houston, - with additional names, sent up from Johnson, and Walker, Counties.

I would invite your attention also, to the vacancies reported from Walker, and Houston, Counties, - and respectfully request, that appointments be made, as early as practicable, to fill the same.

I am very respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin May 8th 1867

Wm Murray, Strawberry
 Atty Genl.

Washington D.C.

For

The

respectfully recommended to the President, for his favorable action.

Your Obt-Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin May 8th 1867

John S. Gill
Orange - Texas

Sir,

Your communication, asking for pardon of your late servant has been received.

I cannot act upon such applications properly, without copies of the "Indictment" & "Judgment of the Court", with a statement of the facts. Then, if there are any reasons why "Executive Clemency" should be exercised, I will consider them.

Yours Very Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - May 10th 1867

Wm. C. C. McQuinn

Dr Sir,

Enclosed, I return the application of Grisham. You will see that Genl. Griffin requires persons recommended, to take, test-oath of 1862. I send you the oath for your use. Mr. Sutton Pohl has been appointed by Genl. Griffin "Deputy and Collector" of your County. If Grisham cannot take the oath, find some one who can, and send it up, subscribed, sworn to &c. Put on Stamp.

Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 10th 1867

90 Maj. Genl. Griffin
 Comd'g Dist of Texas
 Galveston -
 General -

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of "Special Order No 81," appointing Mr. Anton Pohl "Sponsor & Collector" of taxes, for Bastrop County. Enclosed you will find reports from the County Judges of Navarro, San Patricio, and Freestone, Counties, as to vacancies in their respective Counties.

Also additional lists of names sent up of persons qualified to act as "Registers" in the Counties - San Patricio, and Glass.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt -

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin: May 11th 1867

H. C. Proctor
 Indianola - Texas

Sir,

Enclosed you will find the remission of the penalty imposed on M. L. Storer.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt -

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 18th 1867

42 Maj. Genl. Griffin
 Comdg. Dist. of Texas
 Galveston.

General,

Herewith, I transmit
 you a report from Judge Holt of the 10th Judicial Dist.,
 in regard to his efforts to organize a jury under Circular
 Order No 13. It will be seen, that the Judge used con-
 siderable efforts to secure a jury. I have favorable reports
 from other Districts, where they have been more successful in
 their efforts.

I am General

Very Obd. Servant

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 18th 1867

Hon. Lorenzo de la Garza
 Director Texas

Sir,

Letters of the 5th inst. received.

County Officers elected before the 2nd of March last are held
 in office. Any vacancies occurring in County Offices, since that
 date must be appointed by the military; and the "Military"
 requires them to take the test oath of July 1862. The same,
 (as sent you) that the Registrars are required to take.

Very respectfully,

Very Obd. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin May 15th 1867

A. Jefferson Esq.

Pres. V. & H. O. R.R. Co.

Houston Texas

Dear Sir,

The Atty Genl. is now preparing the papers to advertise the sale of your land. I regret very much to have to record to this proceeding, but I know of no other way to discharge my duty. Let me know by telegraph, if you can pay the one-eighth interest, as required by the "Stay Law", and the "annual interest" due 1st March 1867, and "two per cent" - "for lying, ground".

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin May 15th 1867

Thos. H. Smyth

County Judge - Jasper County.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 4th inst. recd. to day. I have to recommend Richard J. Gorda, or any other person, who can take the accompanying oath, as the same is required by the Military Authorities.

In future vacancies, please to recommend such as can take the oath. ~~And~~ You will also state the date the vacancy occurred in the Office of County Treasurer, and the same as regards any future vacancies.

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin May 15th 1867

94 To the Hon. County Judge
 Comanche County
 Texas.

Sir,

General Griffin has
 refused to recognize the validity of the election, or appoint-
 ment, of Mr. Hensley as "Jefesor" of your County;

He desires some one recommended, who can subscribe
 and take the "test-oath" of July 1862. If you have such a
 person in your County, otherwise qualified, and who will
 act, notify me of his name without delay. The
 accompanying is the oath, which you will keep as a form
 to go by, for any future use.

Let me know the date of the vacancy occurring in
 the office of "Jefesor" - and, in all future reports of
 vacancies, state when they occurred.

Very Respectfully

Wm. C. Coker

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin May 15th 1867

95 Maj. Genl. Chas. Griffin
 Comd'g Dist. of Texas
 Galveston
 Texas

General,

Herewith
 enclosed, find additional lists submitted as qualified
 to act as Registrars, from the Counties of
 Maricari, Harris, Erath, Orange, Grayson
 Upshur, Cameron, Atascosa -
 Burtleson and Garza with additional

names from the Counties of Collin & Metagorda

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt-Servt-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department-

Austin - May. 16th 1867

Hon. B. C. Franklin

Livingston

Polk County - Texas.

Dear Sir,

Your favor, without date, from Livingston, with one from Houston of 13th inst., concerning pardon of "Princi", received.

I hasten to answer, and send a letter to you at Livingston, and one to Houston.

You must send me a certified copy of the "Indictment" and "Judgment of the Court", also Statement of facts proven in the trial, a Memorial, signed by respectable citizens - asking the pardon &c. The Judge's & District's application will have great weight.

I would also suggest, that where there is reasonable certainty, that an offence has been committed, but extenuating circumstances justify pardon, I have required a payment of the fees and costs, paid by the State. But this is not absolute, and should not be required, where a person has been illegally or wrongfully convicted.

I have no doubt, the papers will support fully the view, presented by you, of the case, and in such case, when received, will have my prompt attention, and favorable consideration.

I am, Sir,

Most Truly Yrs -

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 17th 1867

Hon. Wm. B. Buckham-
 Matagorda, Texas

Dear Sir,

Let Mr. Stratton take, and subscribe, the accompanying oath. If he cannot - some one else who can. The Military require it.

The question is not yet settled, between myself and the Military, whether they or the Dist. Judges appoint the Dist. Clerks, yet they require the test-oath.

By the time I hear from you again, it may be determined. They appoint the Justices - and it will be necessary to send the "Oath", subscribed, before they will appoint.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 17th 1867

Hon. W. C. Thorpe

County Judge

Menard County (Via Fredericksburg)

Dear Sir

I am greatly obliged to you for your promptness in answer to "Circular" of the 8th inst. If you desire to resign you will please send your resignation to your Police Court (County Commissioners) - to take effect from the time your successor is qualified &c.

You will also recommend Mr. Robt. Robertson, for your successor, if he can take the accompanying oath which he had better subscribe, and swear to, and forward to me.

Also state the time of the vacancy occurring in the other Offices of your County, and recommend the person

who you desire to fill them. Let them also subscribe, and swear to the "oath" herewith sent you. The Military make these appointments, and require that the parties take this oath before they appoint.

Your prompt attention requested.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin May 17th 1867

97 Maj. Genl. Griffin

Comdg. Dist of Texas

Galveston-

General.

Herewith, you will find returns, of names of persons reported as competent to act as Registers - from the Counties - Bowie, Midalga, Menard, Wise, Red River, Angelina, and Shelby; And additional reports from Freestone, Harrison, and Navarro; With Statement of Precincts, and probable number of voters in the several counties.

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Office

Austin - May 18th 1867

109 Brig. Genl. James Calmes
Comdg. Post

Austin - Texas.

General.

I would most respectfully call your attention to the destruction of the private property and damage done to the premises, of Mr. Louis Hurst - a citizen of Austin.

I deem it proper to say, that Mr. Hurst has not complained to me, but as I know, of my own observation, concerning it, I have thought it my duty to call your attention to the facts, and to ask that you have a Board of Officers appointed to investigate it, and do whatever is proper for the benefit of this gentleman.

The property of his daughter (buildings adjoining the old camp of the 6th Cavalry) has been very much damaged by the troops.

I am General

Most-Respectfully
Your Obedt-Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - May 18th 1867

James B. Davis

Paris - Lamar County, Texas

Dear Sir

Yours, with Memorial in favor of Calmes's receiving pardon, &c. came to hand yesterday. I cannot act upon such cases, without certified copy of the "judgment" and statement of the facts proven on the trial. But I will say, that unless the facts make out a stronger case than the papers you have sent me, I cannot pardon him - however much pleasure it would give me to be able to oblige you

personally, as well as to comply with the request of so many of my fellow citizens.

Applications come every day, and if I should give way to the appeals made to me, and grant pardons where plausible, and strong reasons are given, the laws would be a farce, and the courts a mockery. It would appear that "Caloway" was a Crazy man when drunk. Be it so; you do not show that he was drunk, when the purse was stolen. If sober when the purse was found in his possession, he ought to have been able to account for the possession. I only mention this, to enable you to meet the objection now in my mind. If you can make out a clear case for Executive Clemency, send me up "judgment" and Official Statement of the facts from the trial, signed by some Officer of the Court, or foreman of the jury. That tried him - and will pay the fees and costs, paid by the State in following cases - I will pardon him; but be sure your case is a strong one.

My heart is all for mercy, and sympathy - but my judgment is much the other way.

Yours Truly

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin, May 20th 1867

101 Maj. Genl. Griffin
Comdg Dist of Texas
Preservation =

General

Herewith you will find reported, vacancy in the office of "Assessor & Collector" of Taxes in Parola County. I have informed the judge, that the election is regarded as void. As Judge High indicates that the party can take the required oath of Office - I would ask that you appoint him at once - or fill the vacancy with some other person.

I will also beg to again call your attention to the fact, that quite a number of documents,

laws, are supplied by appointments from Dist. and County Judges. Special Order No 66, from your "Head Quarters" says - "Vacancies occurring, which are filled ordinarily by election, will be reported &c for needful action". My construction of this order is, that - "all elections, for the time being, are suspended, and any vacancies, usually filled by election, are to be supplied by appointments from Dist. Judges". Therefore I have supposed, that - the Offices of Dist. Clerk and Sheriff, would be filled by appointments of the Dist. Judges, and so in other cases where the County Judges, or Heads of Dist., make such appointments under the law: - subject however to approval of the Military Authorities.

I will be gratified to learn your views on this subject.

Dear General

Yours Obd. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - May 20th 1867

Judge Fryke

Carthage - Santa Comita
Texas.

Sir,

Yours of the 8th inst. received. All elections, are held by Genl. Griffin to be void, that have occurred since the 2nd of March last.

I have forwarded recommendation of Mr. Proquemore, to Dist. Jdgs., and asked that he be appointed.

If Mr. R. has qualified - given bond &c, and entered upon duty of the Office, he will continue in the discharge thereof until he is appointed, - or some one else is, to succeed him.

In reporting future vacancies, state the date of their occurring.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obd. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - May 20th 1867

Judge Vance

Make the "Spreer" collect the taxes, under State laws. If anyone refuses - prosecute, and do just ^{as} the State laws require. Griffin's Order so says. The Military authorities have to regard the State laws, except in so far as they conflict with late laws of Congress.

Yours &c.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - May 20th 1867

Judge Brashear

Houston

Harris County Texas

Sir,

I am requested by Genl. Griffin, to learn at what time the vacancy occurred in the Office of "Spreer and collector" of your County.

In reporting future vacancies, please to state the date of their occurrence.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt -

Governor of Texas

Note. Similar enquiry to the above - in regard to vacancies - addressed to County judges of Comanche, Uvalde, Falls, Medina, Brazoria, McCluskey and Garfield counties.

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 20th 1863

Mr. J. N. Leech
 Hopkinton

Gonzales County - Texas.

For - Sir.

In answer to yours of the 10th inst. I have to say, that your best course, - to ascertain whether any of the funds appropriated for the education and maintenance of freedmen, can be secured for the proposed colored school in Gonzales, will be, to have your County Authorities, or a few prominent citizens, to draw up a Statement, of what you propose to do in the way of schooling colored children; State the number of pupils likely to attend; whether you have, or will furnish a house; - the teacher secured; - And then ask, of the State Com. Comprising the "Dist. of Texas", if he can supply any of the funds, out of the appropriations referred to. References should be given as to Character, morality, &c of teacher.

If you will have the necessary paper made up and forwarded to me, I will forward them to General Griffin, and endeavor to get his favorable action. If you have a "Bureau Agent" in your County, it would facilitate your object - to have his endorsement.

I commend very highly your proposed scheme, and trust your good people will put it in operation, with, or without, the aid of the "Bureau". though this should be secured if possible.

Thanking you sincerely for your appreciation of my services, in behalf of the Country, and trusting, to the great & energetic action of your people, under the recent laws of Congress, thereby securing peace and union,

I am Most Respectfully,

Wm. B. Brown

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Office
 Austin May 22nd 1864

Hon. James Story
 San Marcos
 Tex.

Yours of enquiry, in regard to the jury law, received. You should advise your "jury list", and place every jurymen on it possible, who is competent, under the State law.

I do not construe Order 13, to require the police Courts to place freedmen on their "jury lists". Yet I think all judges, or magistrates, in making up their juries, should exhaust the jury lists of the county, in the effort to get them qualified under the order. If they fail, then the judges, or magistrates, might make the effort to get juries from among the freedmen; but in so doing, such freedmen should have the other qualifications of a juror, in addition to his capability of taking the oath prescribed in said order.

I expect soon to learn the decision of the authorities of Washington on the question.

Very Respectfully
 Sam Houston

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 23rd 1864

114 Maj. Gen. Griffin

Comd'g Dist. of Texas

Galveston

General:

The application of C. B. Furlow to Maj. Gen. Sheridan, for permission to sell liquor at "Mount Enterprise" Rock County, Texas, with endorsement thereon from "Dist. and Dist. #2nd", was duly received. Upon examination, I find the law is still in force; at

refusal, I have transmitted the application back to Mr. Gurnow, with the remark, that - "I believe the law still in force"; - that - "if the citizens of Mount-Enterprise desire him to sell liquor, he can do so, - but - that - doubtless the 'Grand Jury' will indict him, & then the validity of the law, can be properly tested by the Courts."

I am General

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - May 23^d 1867

134 Col. James Gillespie

Superintendent of Penitentiary
Huntsville - Texas.

My Sir,

I wish you to have your Physicians to examine closely, the physical condition, age, health, &c of Henry Franks, sent recently from to the Penitentiary from Houston - Harris County, for "Assault with intent to commit Murder".

A very respectable, and numerous signed, Memorial, by prominent Citizens, asks for his pardon; but the facts do not clearly warrant it. The Petitioners say, his health, and condition, is such, that the Confinement will kill him.

Your attention is respectfully requested at once & transmit Physicians report.

Yours Truly

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin May 23^d 1867

Oscar J. Hennrich Esq.
 Galveston Texas

118

Sir,

The transcript of the record in the case of Thos. Howard (Freedman) duly received. Upon a perusal of the testimony I do not feel satisfied that this is a case for "Executive Clemency" - but being desirous of extending the largest charity to this class of our people, I have written to Judge Love requesting him to have the Atty. for the Court, to make out a statement of the facts, and to give me any other information, that will throw light upon the subject.

The Statement of facts, in the transcript, does not appear to have been signed by the Criminal Atty. or approved by the judge. I write to you now, in order that you may confer with the Atty. not doubting but that, together, you can agree as to the facts &c.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin May 23^d 1867

Hon. James Love
 Judge Criminal Court
 Galveston - Texas

Dr Sir,

I have received an application, unanimously signed, asking pardon for Thos. Howard - Freedman - convicted in your Court, at the last Feb'y term.

It appears from the Statement of facts sent up, that the same was submitted to you, and not approved. Will you be so good as to have the Atty. for the Court, to make out a statement, and c.

your endorsement? Even the facts as set forth, with the transcript of the record sum-up, do not make a strong case for "Executive interference"; yet, I wish to extend the greatest charity to this class of people: and I must hesitate, unless the grounds for such interference are substantial.

What were the characters of the prosecuting witnesses? As a matter of course, this is a delicate inquiry, and is asked for, Confidentially. I presume, generally, otherwise they would have been attacked.

Your early attention respectfully requested

Most respectfully
Thos. W. L. Smith

Governor of Texas

P. S.

M^r Bunsaker, who forwarded the papers, stated that he presumed you had written to me in the subject. I have examined and find nothing from you.

State of Texas
Execution Department
Austin May 23rd 1867

106 Maj. Genl. Griffin

County Dist. of Texas
Galveston

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of "Special Orders No 90 & 91", appointing Constable for Bastroff County, and an "Appraiser and Collector" of taxes for Harris County, and am obliged for the extra copies of the orders, as it is necessary to file one with the "Dept of State", and one with the County archives, and (in the case of Appraiser) one in the Comptroller and Treasury Depts.

I also acknowledge the receipt of communication,

in relation to Mr Barker, recommended as Clerk for Hill County, with the accompanying orders, to be subscribed by person recommended &c. - for which I am greatly obliged.

I am General

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Execution Department

Austin May 23^d 1867

Wm. L. L. McGinnis

Bastrop - Texas

Sir:

Enclosed, find Grisham's appointment, and instructions. You will please notify State Department when Grisham qualifies, and enters on discharge of duties. Also inform that Dept., if "Polk" has qualified, and entered on duties of "Assessor and collector", under his appt.

Herewith, find copy of oath, to be subscribed (according to the Military Requirement) by all persons, recommended for subsequent vacancies.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 24th 1869

M^r. John G. Wallace
 Houston Texas

Sir:

Enclosed you will find your appointment, from
 Maj. Genl. Griffin, as "Agent and Collector" of State and County
 taxes, for Harris County.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obt-Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 24th 1869

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 Comdg "Dist. of Texas"
 Galveston - Texas

General:

Herewith you will find reports, from Filnis,
 Mason, & Coleman, Counties, of persons who can act as
 registers; also additional reports, from Menard, Wacog-
 dochus, and Hood, Counties.

I am General

Very Respectfully
 Your Obt-Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Execution Department

Austin May 26th 1867

J. C. Gregory

Secy - "Houston T. C. R. R. Co."

Sir

Your favor of the 22nd inst. duly received. In reply I beg to say, that the promptness of the "Texas Central" in meeting its obligations to the State heretofore, is a sufficient guaranty, that the Company will comply, faithfully, with all its engagements.

Your Company has paid the 1/8 interest required under the late law, and the annual interest due the 1st of March last. This is more than any other of the Companies has done.

After mature consideration, I feel that I shall be justified - (from a former ruling in the Comptroller's Dept. - which however was erroneous -) in not pushing any of the roads, to a sale, for non-payment of the "Sinking fund," though it is due, and provision must be made, by the Companies, to meet it in due time. Not being quite satisfied in my own mind, that, on account of the construction of the law referred to, the Companies did not expect to be called upon to meet this demand, I will be quite justified, in awaiting a reasonable time for the payment of the Sinking fund; provided the semi-annual 1/8 interest, and the accruing annual interest - is promptly paid, and provision made to meet the Sinking fund debt.

I have notified the other Companies, who are behind with the interest due - that I shall give further time (until 15th June) and should there be a failure then, the delinquent roads will be advertised and the execution of the law no longer be delayed.

On the 1st July next, 1/8 more of the old interest will be due from your Company. I am satisfied, the Company will meet it, and I trust an effort will be made to meet the amount due of the "Sinking fund".

Respectfully Yours obt. Servt.

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 25th 1867

Hon. John Ireland
Judge. Judicial Dist.
For You,

Your communication, in reference to appointment of Dist. Clerk to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of M. Wilson, has been received. As you had no time to consult, you did right in the appointment. The facts will be made known to the Commanding General. I have heretofore called his attention to the fact, that the State laws require the Dist. Judges to make appointments, in cases of vacancies of Clerks & Sheriffs - and his construction of their duties respectfully suggested in the premises. I hope, soon to be able, to lay his answer before you on the subject.

I am much gratified with the efforts of the Judiciary to hold their courts.

Yours very respectfully
Gerrit Smith

Governor of Texas

P.S.

I send enclosed copy of the Order required, by the military, of the Appts. made by them - and which, I presume, they will require of all persons appointed to office, until registration is completed, and perhaps afterwards.

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin May 27th 1867

Brig. General James Baker
 Comdg, U. S. Troops

Austin Texas

General,

The Sheriff - Mr. Gimpleman - will explain to you, that he has in charge, a prisoner arrested under a Proclamation from this Dept. It is necessary to send him to Lampasas County, in order to have the legal papers made out; to remand him to a safe jail. Austin, I expect will be the nearest County, having a jail.

It is apprehended some effort may be made to rescue him. Therefore I have to ask of you a guard of six men, to aid in getting the prisoner to Lampasas, and thence to jail.

Yours Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin May 27th 1867

Judge Thos J. Keese
 Brown County - Texas

Sir,

Yours of the 16th inst. received. In answer I send you the Oath necessary for the registers to take. I have received no report from you, of persons who can take the Oath. If you were County judge during the war, you cannot take the Oath - but the Oath will speak for itself.

I will be glad to hear from you on the subject of "Indian raids" loss of life & property &c. and also all future occurrences of the kind.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obd Servt -

L. J. R.

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - May 27th 1867

Wm. County, Judge
Council County,
New Braunfels - Texas.

Sir -

Enclosed you will find the "Call of Office" which you will have the parties, recommended by your forebears and Aldermen, to take & subscribe before you. You will certify the same, and put Stamp on your certificate, and return, when it will be immediately forwarded to Maj. Genl. Griffin.

Very Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 27th 1867

Maj. Genl. John Griffin
Comd'g Dist. of Texas
Galveston - Texas.

General -

Herewith, you will find, names of persons submitted as qualified to act as registers, from the Counties of Kaufman, Palo Pinto, Hopkins, Milam, Wood, Garza, and Tarrant; and additional names from Denton and Henderson.

Also enclosed, a communication from Mr. John Ireland, touching appointment of dist. clerk for Comanche County; and one, from the Comptroller of public accounts, touching a let order from Agent of the Bureau of Collected County, in relation to collection of Taxes, to which I respectfully invite your early attention.

I am General

Very Obedt Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 28th 1867

M. W. Allen

McHenry, Texas

My Sir:

Enclosed your map showing lands designated for sale out of University Leagues, in Terrell County, which is approved.

The advertisement for sale of University lands in Bryan, has been furnished the Gazette as requested.

I am gratified to see the pains, and industry, you have used in this matter, and hope your labors will be of advantage to the University fund.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 28th 1867

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Mag. Luc. Chas Griffin

County Dist of Texas

Galveston, Texas.

General:

Accompanying this, you will find a transcript from the records of the Dist Court of Parker County, showing the character, and number, of "Predictaments" preferred in that Court, during the term of service of Judge Scott, Governor Hamilton's appointee; certificates of the late "Grand Jury" of that County, relative to Judge Good's charge to that body; Testimony of Mr. A. West, a citizen of that County, and from Union men throughout the State, concerning the actions of the Courts towards Union men &c; - the Affidavit of James M. Taylor, a member of the "Union League of Parker County", to the Official Conduct of Judge Good.

an unquestioned Union Citizen, - Atty for the Thompson Brothers, showing that the Thompsons had not been indicted, or tried, under Governor Hamilton's administration, for the killing of Brooks; - the Affidavits of the Dist. & County Clerks, and County Judge, showing the manner of selecting the jurors of that County; And the Affidavit of Henry Dermitt, showing the Official Conduct of Judge Wood; with request of the Grand Jury of Parker County, asking that an Officer of the U. S. A., be sent to investigate, and report upon the charges, made recently to Hon. Geo. "Dist. of Texas" concerning the Courts - and Official Conduct of the Officers of that County, by "Sixty Loyal Citizens of Jack and Parker Counties"; - all of which is respectfully submitted to the Maj. Genl. Comdg Dist. for his information.

I am requested by Judge Wood to say, that he is anxious for his "Official Conduct to be examined into, and reported upon, by the Military authorities". He also expresses his gratification, that the Maj. Genl. Comdg. afforded him an opportunity, to meet the charges of Official misconduct, contained in the "Memorial".

The County Officers of Parker County have notified this Dept, that they will submit a Statement, and testimony touching their Official Conduct, at an early day.

Expressing the belief, that the "Statements" made by the "Loyal Citizens of Jack and Parker Counties" did great injustice, to the Officers and people of those Counties,

I have the honor to be - General.

Most respectfully

Wm. C. C. C.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 28th 1867

Messrs. J. R. Metcalf
 Palo Pinto County - Texas.

Sir:-

Your favor of the 18th inst. received. For your promptness you have my thanks.

Please to inform this Dep't, of the date, when the vacancies, you mention, occurred; and the beats or precincts of the vacant portions of the Peace.

Enclosed you will find the "Oath of Office" required by the Military Authorities. If you have no coroner you should have a Sheriff. Can you not find some one, who can take the oath, to act as Sheriff? If so, let him take and subscribe the oath; recommend him, and return to this Dep't, and it will be forwarded to Genl. Griffin.

Very Respectfully &c

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 28th 1867

Col G. J. Word
 Palestine, Texas

Dr Sir:-

Your communication, and accompanying "Memorial," in behalf of George B. Allen (Convict) received by yesterday's mail. I must ask of you to send certified copies of the "Indictment," and judgment of the Court, with a statement of the facts proven on the trial. The statement of facts may be certified as correct, by the Judge, Dist. Atty, Sheriff, clerk, or members of the Bar, or any of the jury trying the case.

It is necessary that I have the papers referred to, as a foundation for my action, and to file among the archives, to show upon what that action is founded &c.

I presume there will be no

the pardon. I would suggest, however, that, as a usual rule, I have required the payment of the Dist. Atty's & Clerks and Sheriff's fees—such as are paid by the State in felony cases. If there is no doubt of the party having been wrongfully convicted, this should not be required; but when a party has been convicted, and extenuating circumstances or causes, justify "Executive Clemency" I require the payment of the fees alluded to.

Prompt action will be had so soon as the required papers reach me.

I am Sir,

With very great respect
Yours obt. servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 29th 1867

Judge Tyler
Carthage.

Parrish County, Texas.

Sir:—

Esq. Griffin requires Mr. Roguenor (or whoever else you may recommend) to take and subscribe the accompanying oath. If Mr. R. can take it, have him to do so and return. If he cannot, try to get some one who can, and return it to this office with his signature, & certificate of an Officer that it has been sworn to. Put U. S. Revenue stamps on if the law requires it. I have not time to examine the question, as to stamps.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin May 29th 1867

Dr C. K. Marshall.
 Vicksburg
 Miss.

Sir,

Your communication of May 20th is before me. In answer to your enquiries, I have to say, that the State has made no provision, to meet cases of the character, presented by you. There is no fund at my disposal, out of which any relief can be afforded.

In compliance with your request, the two certificates, you enclosed, showing that the parties had received the artificial limbs, are herewith returned.

Regretting my inability to aid you,

I am very respectfully

Yours obt servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin, May 29th 1867

Hon. J. W. Whitmore
 Jefferson, Davis County, Texas.

Sir,

In answer to your enquiries of the 14th inst., I have to say, that my construction, of "Circular Order 13" from "Hd Qrs Mil Dist. of Texas", is, that the qualification of the "bath" prescribed for a juror, is cumulative on the State law, therefore an additional requisite to the other qualifications.

This is merely an opinion. I have nothing from the Military Authorities on the subject. I presume, before this reaches you, that the question will have been set at rest, by the publication of orders from proper Authority, in accordance with the

of the Atty Genl. of the U.S., now daily looked
for. What that opinion is, I have not yet learned.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin May 20th 1867.

To the

Chief Justice

Sanisabel County - Texas.

Sir,

News have been expressed to me, that violence
might be used against Mr. Burleson, recently arrested,
and taken to your County. I trust that nothing of
this sort will occur, and do not expect that it will.
But I desire to impress upon you the necessity, that
the civil officers of the land, must not only use the full
extent of their official authority, to discountenance
such acts, and to put them down, but they must also, as
good citizens, lend their aid, to prevent breaches of the
law, and violence towards prisoners.

You will call upon the Officer, in command
of U. S. troops at your place, for any assistance
necessary to prevent disturbance or violation of the law.
Should you believe there is any probability of an attempt to
mob Mr. Burleson, you must take such steps as will prevent it.
Any violations of the law, or interference with the legal
and just rights of the prisoner, will entail upon the perpe-
trators of it, arrest, and trial, by the Military authorities.

I am Sir,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department-
Austin - June 3^d 1865

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May: Genl. Griffin
Comdg "Dist. of Texas"
Galveston - Texas.

General:

Application was made to me, by petition, very respectably signed, by quite a number of gentlemen of Galveston, to pardon our "Geo. Howard" - freedman - sometime since convicted in that city. After a very careful examination of the facts of the case, I have felt constrained to refuse the pardon. I have learned, incidentally, that there is a probability, that an effort will be made, to get you to set "Howard" at liberty. I do not know under authority of what law it is, that you are expected to interfere in such cases; but I wish, if such application is made, and you deem that you have the legal authority to release the convict; that you will inform me before you take action, in order that I may furnish you the papers in the case, upon which my judgment has been formed.

I am General

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin - June 3^d 1863

Oscar G. Hunsacker Esq

Galveston - Texas

Sir:

Enclosed, I send you, copy of Judge Love's answer, to my enquiries, concerning the testimony against John Howard, also copy of my letter to him.

I regret, that a sense of duty, will cause me to disappoint the expectations, raised in your mind, by my first letter to you on this subject. After a careful reading of Judge Love's letter, it appears clear to me, that Howard is guilty. Unquestionably you had the law clearly charged to the jury, and if there was any reasonable doubt of the prisoner's guilt, the jury were bound to give him the benefit of the doubt.

It would be a gratification to me, to comply with the request, made by so many gentlemen of respectability, and high standing, if I could do so conscientiously, but from the facts as I understand them, as contained in the transcript of the record - and from Judge Love's statement, I cannot.

I am sir

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas

Executive Department

Austin. June 5th 1863

Maj. Genl. Griffin

Comd'g "Dist. of Texas"

General:

Herewith, find recommendation of the County Judge, of two persons, for Mayor of New Braunfels, Frederick Goldbeck and Frederick Brown Jr. I recommend the last named gentleman for the position.

Also recommendation of Louis Klappenbach, for Alderman "1st ward"; Char. Pittman - Alderman "2nd ward"; Heinrich Hoken for "3rd ward"; and Jacob Young as Alderman for the "4th ward".

Also enclosed you will find, that each one of the parties, has taken the oath prescribed.

The terms of Office of present Mayor and Aldermen, will expire in this month, and their successors should qualify, and enter on the discharge of their duties, the 1st Monday in July.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - June 5th 1867.

N. M. C. Patterson

County Judge

Wade County - Texas.

Sir:

The Military Authorities require the accompanying oath to be subscribed by all persons recommended for Office.

Keep this, as a form, in your office. Have M. Watson to subscribe and swear to a copy of this oath before yourself, and forward to this Dept, at once.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin - June 5th 1867

O. Hendricks

Judge of Harrison County - Texas.

Sir:

Your favor of the 21st, enclosing recommendation of George R. Hill, for justice of the peace &c, just received.

Herewith you will find Oath of Office, required, by Military Authorities, to be taken before they will consider any appointment.

Keep this as a form, and have Mr. Hill to subscribe a copy before you. If he cannot get some one who can.

Also report date of the occurrence of the vacancy. The Atty Genl's opinion will answer the P.S. of your letter.

Respectfully &c

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin - June 5th 1867

E. Orbowski.

County Judge

Bandera County - Texas

Sir:

Yours, of the 18th Ult., reporting vacancies, just at hand. Please to have the parties recommended, to subscribe the accompanying Oath. The Military will make an appointment until this Oath is taken, before an Officer authorized to administer Oaths.

Keep one of the Oaths as a form for your Office. Please to report date when the vacancies occurred.

Respectfully

Wm. B. Linn

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - June 7th 1867

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Comdg. Dist. of Texas
Galveston

General:

Herewith, find the oath required, subscribed by W. B. Burk - previously recommended for Clerk of the Dist. Court of Will County.

I most-respectfully recommend his appointment at an early moment.

I am General

Your old-servr

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - June 7th 1867

County Judge
Palo Pinto County - Texas.

W^{or} Sir:

You will report, without delay, the vacancies in the County Offices of your County, and the dates, such vacancies occurred.

Herewith, you will find the "Oath of Office", prescribed by the Military Authorities. Recommend such persons as will subscribe, and take, this oath, to supply the vacancies, and return the oath, so sworn to, & subscribed, with your report, to the Secy of State - Austin, Texas.

I trust you will use every diligence, to get some one to serve as Coroner, Sheriff, &c who can take the oath.

Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - June 7th 1867

Messrs Wood & Hughes
Attys =

Weatherford - Texas

Gentlemen =

Judge Lloyd has informed me of the vacancies in Office, of Sheriff, Coroner &c in Palo Pinto County.

The enclosed letter, to the Chief Justice of that County, is sent to your care, for the purpose of having you to forward it, without delay.

Respectfully

Your obt. Servt -

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - June 7th 1867

Hon. W. H. Buckhart.

Judge Matagorda County - Texas

Sir:

Genl. Griffin decides, that the appointment of "Dist. Clerk" must be made by him, and that he will appoint no one, who cannot take the Test oath - copy of which was furnished you from this Office.

Please to find some one qualified, who can take the oath; let such person subscribe it before you, and call your certificate; also report the date of the vacancy; Return to the Dept of State here. I trust you may get some one without delay.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Department-
Austin - June 7th 1867

Hon. B. Shropshire,

Care of "Shropshire & Co"

Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 4th inst. at hand. I have directed the County Judge of Matagorda, to find some man who can take the "Test-oath", and to have him do so, and forward name &c to me without delay. It is hard to get persons to fill these Offices, who can take the oath.

The business of the Courts, in many counties, is now at a perfect stand still, on account of vacancies, in Offices of Sheriffs, Clerks, and Coroners.

I wish, while in Galveston, you would use some exertion, to get some Sheriff to resend this order, requiring the test-oath. There is no law for it under the sun, and it, with the Jury Order is the most effectual way to preclude the administration of the law. Civil rights may be lost, Criminals go unwhipped of justice, and the courts become a mockery, under such things. But few Counties can furnish juries.

I commend your energy, in making every exertion, to hold your Courts. You must not weary in well-doing.

I have not time to write you more fully.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servant

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department-
Austin June 5th 1867

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Comd'g "Dist of Texas"
Galveston.

General:

The County Judge of Wood County, recommends
S. E. Smith of that County as qualified to act
as "Register"; and that he can take the oath.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Department-
Austin June 10th 1867

128 Hon. Henry Stanberry
Atty. Genl.
Washington - D. C.

Sir:
Herewith enclosed, find the applications
for Amnesty and pardon, of J. L. Young, of Rock
County Texas, and W. W. Hornsby, of Travis County,
which I respectfully recommend to the favorable
consideration of the President.

I am Sir,

Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 10th 1867

W. P. Hopkins

Dist. Clerk

San Marcos - Texas.

Sir,

Herewith find remission of the fine of "Anderson Johnson" - (freedman).

In your certificate, you say - "All Officers fees have been paid". You will forward me a certificate, certifying that "Dist. Atty's fees, Sheriff's, and Clerk's" &c, have been paid. The pardon does not remit the Dist. Atty's fee in the fine. I have no power to grant that. If these are all paid, (or as soon as they are) record the pardon and deliver to the freedman.

Respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - June 10th 1867

Col. G. W. Jones -

Dear Col.

Maj. Green has handed me the application, in favor of the pardon of "E. W. Owen". I regret to say, that, it does not appear to me to be proper, in a case so grave as this, to interfere, until the party has exhausted all his legal remedies. And I cannot see why the Judge did not grant a new trial, if he thought the conviction was against the testimony. From the reading of the facts, it appears to me, that Owen was persistent in doing an unlawful act, and that ^{he} could easily have avoided any trouble or difficulty by letting the propriety of the deed be

I understand, the Def^t was convicted once before, in the county where the offense was committed. Years have elapsed; a different county is sought for the trial, and again he is convicted, and the Judge refuses a new trial. It does appear to me, that the law should have its way in this case.

However, I will not finally reject the application. See what, for a petition, you can get up, where the offense was committed. Let it state all about the character of the Def^t: that is, if he has been, and is, a peaceable, and law-abiding, & good, citizen, etc.

Very Truly
Yours &c

Governor of Texas.

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 11th 1867.

Hon. Henry Stanberry
Atty Genl
Washington D.C.

Sir:

The accompanying application for "Special Amnesty", by G. M. Weathered, of Hill County Texas, I most respectfully recommend to the favorable consideration of the President.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedt. servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - June 15th 1867

Brig. Genl. James Cates
Comdg U.S. Troops

Austin - Texas.

General:

The Sheriff of San Saba County - Wilson McNeil - has two prisoners - murders - that were committed by the Civil Authorities of that county, to the Waco jail. When the Sheriff reached Lampasas, he was informed by Judge Pace, that Burleson, and other prisoners, sent to Waco, on account of insecurity of the jail, had been sent to Fairfield. Thereupon the Sheriff deemed it most prudent, to come here. Under all the circumstances, I think it proper, that you should take charge of them, and issue an order sending them to Bastrop: the more especially as these prisoners claim to be U. S. soldiers, and deserters. I think this is a case, in which the Military can act, with great propriety. I also believe it would be proper to try them at once, by Military Commission as the prospect of a trial in San Saba at the fall term is very poor; as the Sheriff informs me a jury could not likely be had.

If your leisure permits, I should be obliged if you could come up this morning, and consult with me in regard to the matter.

Very respectfully
Saml. B. Serris

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin - June 12th 1867

To the Sheriff
 Bastrop County
 Bastrop - Texas.

Sir:

The Sheriff of San Saba County has two prisoners committed to jail for Murder. The warrant of commitment directs the Sheriff to deliver the prisoners to the "Sheriff of McLennan County"; but the jail of that County not being safe, and the prisoners there, being sent to Fairfield jail, the Sheriff deemed it best to bring the prisoners to Austin. This jail being unsafe, I have directed him to take them to your County. You will receive them, and hold them until regular committing papers can be sent to you; which I have already sent for and will forward you as soon as possible.

Genl. Baker sends assistance to the Officer of the Bureau at your place, with a view to guarding the jail. As soon as the testimony in the case, reaches me I expect to get the Military Authorities to take charge of them. In the meantime, I desire your assistance, in holding the parties - as they are unquestionably bad characters.

Very respectfully
 Your obs. Servr.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin - June 12th 1867

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John B. Rees
 Dist. Atty.

W^r Sir -

The Sheriff of San Saba County, Texas
 two prisoners to Bastrop jail. His warrant of commit-
 ment, directs them to McLinnan County, but that
 jail being vacated, by its occupants having been sent
 elsewhere, he has been forced in this direction. I have
 sent back for a Writimus, to be directed to the Sheriff
 of Bastrop. These prisoners are desperate, bad,
 men, and, doubtless, deserters from the U. S. Army. As
 soon as I can get a copy of the record of the committing
 Court, and the testimony, I expect to get the Military
 authority to take hold of them. In the meantime, I
 desire them to be held by the Sheriff of Bastrop, if
 any effort should be made to relieve them, or get
 them out on a writ, please let me know.

I am anxious to get a statement from
 you, concerning the character of the suits, you have
 been ordered to dismiss; also any facts connected
 with them.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin - June 12th 1867

John Miller
 Gatesville - Texas.

Sir:

I am informed, by the Sheriff of San Saba County, that you have a gun, taken from the murderers of M^r Sayers. This gun will be an important link in the testimony, if identified as the gun that Sayers had, and will go a great way in convicting the parties of the murder. Therefore, I desire you to take special care of the gun, and not let it out of your possession, unless to return it to the Officers of San Saba County.

Will you be so good, as to write me concerning the gun, and any confessions the parties made to you, or in your presence, and whether the confession was voluntarily made or not, and whether they were admonished, that their confession might be used against them or not.

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin - June 13th 1867

Gen B Rector

Dist. Atty.

Dr Sir.

Col Walton is absent; - Looking for him in a few days; - Perhaps you may see him on his return, as the stage passes through Beaufort.

Send copy of "Indictment," and description of the parties, ^{at once} for whom you wish reward offered.

Respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin - June 17th 1867

Mr S. A. Hammonsby
 Waco, - Texas.

Dr Sir:-

In answer to yours of the 9th inst. I regret to say, that the case presented by you, is not one in which I can, with propriety, interfere Executive Clemency.

Although it is doubtless a hardship for you to pay the fine, yet I cannot conceive, that the Constitution confers the pardoning power, for interfering with the administration of the laws, in cases like yours.

It would afford me great pleasure to contribute to your relief, if I thought I could properly do so, under the oath of Office, I have taken.

I am very respectfully
 Your obt. servr-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Execution Department
 Austin - June 18th 1867

To Hon. County Judge
 Comal County - Texas.

Sir:-

Herewith, find the Appointment of M. Goldbeck, as Mayor of New Braunfels - Rec^d from Dist. Ct. this day.

Genl. Griffin informs me, that the Appointment of Alderman, is yet under advisement.

Respectfully
 Your obt. servr-

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin - June 19th 1867

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Maj. Genl. Griffin

Comdg "Dist. of Texas"

Galveston

General:

Your communication of the 13th, requesting the pardon of John Miller (freedman), together with copies of the "Indictment," - Judgment - of the Dist. Court of Polk County & Memorial of M^r Watts & c, were received this morning. The pardon has been made out, and will be forwarded to Capt. Brown, the "State-Agent," who has charge of Jacob, with instructions to give him the pardon, and release him. The small value of the property stolen, the length of time served by the convict, and his good conduct, as previously reported by Capt. Brown, are sufficient reasons for his release, without payment of the costs & c

I am General

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Governor of Texas

(State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 19th 1867

Col James Gillespie

Supt. Penitentiary

Huntsville - Texas.

Sir.

I have, this day, granted a pardon to "John Miller" - a freedman - sentenced to the Penitentiary from Polk County - and forwarded the same to Capt. John W. Brown, "State-Agent," at Brenham, in whose charge he now is. You can make all the necessary returns

on your books accordingly.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 20th 1867

Capt. John W. Brown

State Agent - L. B.

Brenham Texas.

Sir,

Enclosed you will find a pardon for "Jake Miller" - a freedman, under your charge.

You will deliver him the pardon, and give him his liberty. You may tell the others, that your report of this one's good conduct, while under your charge, went a great ways with me, in granting the pardon.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 21st - 1867

Col. George W. Jones -

Dear Sir,

Enclosed, you will find the pardon for M^r. Owens. I think the granting of this pardon, is of doubtful propriety, but, in a matter of such grave doubt, as to the propriety of the verdict of the jury, I have felt that the pleadings of Murex, should perhaps be listened to.

Be this as it may - I hope M^r. Owens will, in future, give his friends no cause to regret this.

in his behalf.

You will observe that the Dist. Atty's, Sheriff's and Clerk's, fees - such as are paid by the State - in felony cases - and the costs must be paid by the terms of the pardon. You will not deliver the pardon, until you have submitted, through me, to the Comptroller, the Dist. Atty's fee; also except of Dist. Clerk that the fees and other costs have been paid.

When this is done - deliver the pardon.

I am Truly Yours Friend

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin. Jan. 21st - 1862

134 Maj. L. M. Lehas, Sheriff
County Dist. of Texas
Galveston.

General:

Herewith - the oath of office, subscribed by Jno. S. Spring, - recommended by the County Judge of Liberty County, for the Office of Dist. Clerk of said County; Also, Oath of office of J. J. Cardiman, recommended by County Judge of Comal County, for County Stry and Register.

The applications, in favor of these parties, are recommended to your early, and favorable ~~consideration~~ attention.

I am General

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 24th 1867

To the Clerk

Dist. Court

Gandolphe County

Seguin Texas.

Sir:-

Enclosed you will find the remissions of the fines of Suchert and Cherry.

The fees due the Dist. Atty. out of the fines are not remitted. I have no authority (and would not use it if I had) to remit the fees of Officers or Costs of Court.

See that these are paid, before delivery and record of pardon.

Respectfully &c -

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 24th 1867

Col. Geo Burke

Marshall Texas.

Dear Sir,

Yours, tendering your resignation as Dist. Atty received today. Situated as we now are, with no chance for a successor, but some one who can take the test-oath, and those qualified, who can take the oath, so difficult to find, I cannot accept your resignation, and hope you will continue to act until this question is settled. I have reason to believe that orders will soon be issued determining whether this order is to be enforced. If it is, the name of some one, who can subscribe the oath, with the oath so taken, must be forwarded.

Yours very respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 24th 1867

J. H. Hollingquist
Civil - Engineer & Supt. Pub. works.
Kaufmann Texas.

Dear Sir,

Yours from Kilmer of the 9th inst. received. The H. T. & B. R. R. is now advertised, to be sold on the 1st day of Oct. next.

You had better be at Houston, in time to examine it thoroughly, and be here (Austin) on the day of sale.

The State may have to buy it in. If so, you will have to take possession, and make some shift with it; to meet expenses &c.

Other roads will be sold out; if they do not pay up their indebtedness, as required by the law.

Yours most respectfully

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 25th 1867

N. P. Thompson Esq.
Houston Texas.

Dear Sir:

Send me certified copies of "Indictment", "Finding of jury", "Motion for a new trial", &c. and statement of facts in M^r. Glottelins case.

Yours Truly

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
 Executive Department
 Austin June 26th 1867

Bot-lev (S. H. Stan. U. S. A)

Fort-Wellenap Texas

lev.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor & enclosure of Wm. Peterson's account against the Government for beef furnished the Fort Wellenap Indians.

I have approved and forwarded the account to the Comptroller of Indian Affairs and asked payment. As soon as heard from you shall be promptly notified.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Governor of Texas

Memorandum of endorsement on Report of County Judge of persons to act as registrars in Hardin County.

Executive Dep't Texas

June 27th 1867

"Respectfully referred to Maj. Genl. Griffin with the remark that the Executive of Texas is well acquainted with the Hon. A. B. Pedigo, and regards him as eminently qualified both on account of his ability as well as his integrity."

(S. H.)

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin June 28th 1862

Hon. M. C. Harrison

Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 25th inst. received. In answer I have to say, that the "H. T. & R. R. R." is advertised to be sold the 1st day of October. The advertisement cannot now be changed. I would respectfully refer you to my correspondence with the Officers of the Road, for full information as to the debt of the Company, and the expediency I have indicated in this case. I regret much the necessity, but the law must be complied with. I ^{was} ~~am~~ myself open to criticism by ^{my} long delay.

I trust the Company may be able to meet the demands before the day of sale, and then purchase it.

I have no funds for the "Orphan's Asylum." I have subscribed fifty (\$50) dollars, and wrote to ascertain to whom it should be paid, and was instructed to pay to the order of Mr. Shephard, which I did, through J. B. Raymond here. I have had much to struggle with since you were here, & would be glad if you could examine the record of my acts. I feel very confident that my actions will be fully sustained by you and the country. With all the difficulties, I have accomplished a great deal, and if at all, would have affairs in a good condition.

Thanking you most heartily for your good wishes

I am, Sir,

Very yours, Friend

Governor of Texas

State of Texas
Executive Department
Austin, Jan. 29th 1864

Mrs A. C. Part

Waco, Texas.

Madam:

Some time since, I received through Major General Griffin a numerously signed Memorial from respectable citizens of Colorado and Waco, Texas, addressed to Governor Hamilton, asking for the pardon of your husband. General Griffin very feelingly added his requests also, to the prayer of the Memorialists. I read some of the legal papers necessary for my action, accompanied the petition, therefore, I had to send to Charles Smith, for them. These papers reached me on the same day with your letter.

Although the statement of facts, as given in the trial, and the further statement, that Mr Part is indicted in other cases, do not go to strengthen the petition, yet, in view of your condition, and that of your helpless family, and relying upon the petition of so many gentlemen, who ought to know the propriety of Executive Clemency, I have this day caused the pardon to be made out, and it will immediately go to your husband.

Trusting, Madam, that Mr Part is justly entitled to this act of mercy, and that your future may be surrounded with care, and that the misfortune of the past, may be forgotten in the enjoyment of restored health, and every blessing which a kind and merciful Providence can give.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedt servant

Governor of Texas

July 1867.

Executive Department
Austin July 2nd 1867.

May 4th Griffin
Quidg Dist of Texas
Galveston

General - In answer to yours asking copies of certain Railroad Charters, I would state that the copies will have to be written, as we have not the printed acts to spare from the files. They will be forwarded as soon as they can be made out.

Very Respectfully Yours obt Sat.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 2nd 1867.

Col James Gillespie
Hemetsville, Texas,

Dr Sir: Herewith the pardon of A. C. Pearl. Make entry and deliver to him. Yours Truly

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 5th 1867.

To the Sheriff of Bastrok County

Sir: Enclosed you will find the commitment of the magistrate of San Saba county, for the two prisoners left in your custody by the Sheriff of San Saba. Please to notify the Sheriff of that county by mail, that you have received the commitment, and give him the necessary legal showing that the parties are in your custody.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Sat -

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 5th 1867.

May Gene Griffin
Comdg Dist of Texas
Galveston

General - By this mail, as requested by you, I send copies of Special Acts of the Legislature chartering, and amendatory thereof, the G. H. & J. R.R., B. B. & C. R.R., H. J. & B. R.R. and H. J. & C. R.R. After examination I found I might not be able to have copies made and forwarded in due time, therefore send the printed Laws. As the State Dept. cannot spare the copies of the Special Laws, herewith Transmitted, I will be obliged, after you have taken copies, if you will return them.

It may be you will wish the General Laws of the State governing Railroads; if so, I will take pleasure in furnishing them. In the acts of the recent Legislature, which were furnished you some time since, may be found certain General Laws governing Railroads. I am General

Very Respectfully, Yours obt. Serv.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 6th 1867.

Hon Henry Stanbery
Washington D.C.

Sir: Herewith please find the applications of Jno & Patton, Thos W. Bell, Nathans Allen, W. H. Wright, R. G. Brooks, A. L. Stratton, L. B. Bacon, Ed. E. Bell, Jno L. Winston, J. M. Anderson, J. H. Brown, J. Carroll Smith, Thos A. White, S. H. McLennan, Geo W. Patton, Chas Barthold, Josiah McChug, E. M. Harrison, W. H. Higgins, W. P. Martin, E. W. Newton, Edwin Waller, Wm Ryan, Thos J. Heard, S. W. Williams, Ira Ellis and G. E. Nash, for Special pardon, all of which are respectfully recommended to the President's favorable consideration. It may be possible that some of these parties have already been pardoned, but these applications were found in this Dept. on my coming into office, and as the records show no action they are forwarded. Respectfully &c

Executive Department
Austin, July 6th 1867.

Rob James Gillespie,
Supt Penitentiary,
Wentzville,

J. Altho

Dr Sir: Enclosed find pardon for Geo.
Gowus Truly

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 6th 1867.

Benj L. Franklin,
Livingston, Texas,

Dr Sir: Herewith find pardon applied
for, setting Prince, the freedman at liberty. Yours Truly

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 8th 1867.

Hon. W. L. Webb
La Grange Texas,

Dr Sir: Upon payment of the Dist. attys fees,
Sheriffs and clerks fees, such as are paid by the State in felony cases,
and notification thereof to this Dept the pardon of Adam
Walker, freedman, will be made out and sent to you or to Supt-
Penitentiary as you may wish. If it goes to you it will have to
go to Superintendent for entry and record.

The Dist Clerk's and Sheriffs' fees, and a Dist attys
fees, should be sent to the Comptroller; or if paid to them,
their receipts for the same should be forwarded to Compt-
roller, with direction to him to report to me their reception &

Respectfully

Your Friend,

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 8th 1867.

Maj Genl Griffin

Comdg Dist of Texas,

General - You will find enclosed the oath prescribed for parties recommended for office, subscribed S. S. Taylor, who is recommended for the office of Sheriff of Palo Pinto County. George R. McIl, for Justice of the Peace, Precinct No 5, Harrison County. Alfonso Laells, for Sheriff of Wadala County. A. J. Leick for Justice of the Peace Precinct No 1, Bandera County, and Benj Scott, for Sheriff Victoria County. You will also find the report from the County Judge of Jack County recommending certain persons who can take the oath to act as Registers. Also the letter of St. P. Stevens, upon the subject of a blind freedman, forwarded through your Ad. Ins., with a communication in response thereto from the Sup Blind Asylum.

I am General, Very Respectfully

Your obt Svt

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 11th 1867.

Maj General Griffin

Comdg Dist of Texas.

General - Herewith you will find the oath of office as taken by Cornelius Barnes who is recommended for Sheriff of Leake County. Also that of Wm Stuckley, who is recommended for Treasurer of Medina County.

I am, General,

Very Respectfully

Your obt Svt

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 12th 1867.

A. P. Thompson Esq.

Houston Texas,

Dr Sir: Enclosed find McChesnut's pardon. I am induced to grant this solely upon the grounds of the neglect of the Court to enter judgment, and the length of time he has been confined, and the expense it will be to the county to keep him until next Court. The proof satisfies me that he is an unmitigated thief.

I am very Respectfully

Your Friend

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 12th 1867.

L. G. Weaver,

Hockley, Texas,

Dr Sir: Your letter of the 8th inst. asking me to set aside the sale for Taxes, of your land, was received yesterday. In answer thereto I have to say that your request of me to do that which I have no authority of law to do. Your land was sold for the Taxes of 1865. The laws must be complied with, and the officers of the law become liable themselves both criminally and pecuniarily unless they discharge their duties. I send by this mail to your address the advertisement of the Comptroller, showing for what year and amount of Taxes your land was sold. You will also observe that you have some time yet, perhaps a month, in which to redeem the land, otherwise at the end of six months from the date of advertisement it is the duty of the County Court to order the sale of so much of the land as will bring the Taxes and costs. The paper is marked with ink at the places. You will desire to examine. You have my warmest sympathies for your misfortunes. I trust your neighbors and friends for so small an amt. will not see any portion of your land sold, and sincerely hope your future may be prosperous. Res^t &c

Executive Department
Austin July 12th 1867.

Hon. H. Stauber,
Atty General,
Washington, D.C.

Sir: Find enclosed application of
E. Waugemans, to the President for amnesty and pardon, which is
recommended to His Excellency's most favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully
Your obt. Svt.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 12th 1867.

Maj Genl Griffin,
Com'dg Dist of Texas,

General- Herewith the oath of office and
recommendation of Moses W Bledsoe, by sundry respectable
citizens for Sheriff of Tarrant County. I join in the recommendation.
Very Respectfully Your obt Svt

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 12th 1867.

Mr. W. Allen,
W.L. Agent,
W. Kinney Texas,

Dr Sir: Procrastination of business has delayed
an investigation of the question raised by you in regard to your pay
in your letter of June 15th. But the question was submitted to the
Comptroller and Atty Genl both, and the latter has filed his opinion that the
law fixing the pay at 5\$ per day in 1856, then intended specie, as no other
currency was used by the State. That that law now governs, further, the
appropriation to pay for your service is in specie as no other currency
is known to the University funds, therefore the Comptroller audited
your account for the balance due on the account you
have 571.50

Herewith I send you draft drawn by Raymond & Swisher,
(No 383) July 12th 1867. on Swinson Perkins & Co., New Orleans,
for \$71⁵⁵ currency, which I hope will be satisfactory.

I would like to have a condensed report of your acts
up to August 1st 1867. Very truly

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 12th 1867.

Maj Genl Griffin
Comdg Dist of Texas.

General- Upon receipt of yours of June 21st
with enclosures, requesting pardon of Richard McEllothlin, confined
in Harris county jail, I directed A.P. Thompson, Esq. counsel for
the prisoner to forward to this office a transcript of the record in the
case, with statement of facts proven on the trial. These papers
have just been received. The case was tried before Judge Calhoun,
and prosecuted by A.P. Wiley, Esq. The proceedings of the court
and the evidence of white and black witnesses unquestionably
establish the fact of the prisoner's guilt, but the length of time the
party has been confined in jail, the failure of the officers of the
court to have judgment pronounced, the doubt as to legality of
a future sentence, and the great expense to the county to keep
him confined until another court, induces me to pardon him.

Herewith you will find the papers requested to be
returned. I am, very Respectfully your obt Serv

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 13th 1867.

Maj Genl Griffin
Comdg Dist of Texas.

General- I have appointed Chas de St. Clair,
Pilot Commissioner, for the Port of Galveston. Herewith you will find
the oath of office, as subscribed by him, Respectfully &c

Executive Department
Austin, July 15th 1867.

Col James Gillespie,
Sup Penitentiary,
Huntsville, Texas,

Dr Sir: Herewith you will find the pardon of Adam Walker, freedman, - make entry thereof. If Walker is on the Railroads, forward to the Agent who has him in charge, with instructions to deliver the pardon and liberate him.

Yours Respectfully

Gos of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 16th 1867.

Jos Miller,
Gatesville, Texas,

Dr Sir: Yours of the 1st, but mailed 9th inst. just received. There is a reward for Burleson. If you will cause an affidavit to be made charging Hamilton with the murder of the woman - names, dates and localities, &c given, I will offer a reward for him. Also for the other party. I have no funds out of which to pay for your expenses or time in coming here, but would like much to see you and arrange so as to capture these outlaws. I can secure military help. If captured you can get these rewards if no one else but the military render help. It will be the part of a citizen, and render your country important service, to accomplish this, - and will be glad to see you, or correspond with you on the subject. I earnestly trust you will undertake it. I will regard strictly your confidence in the matter.

I am very Respectfully Yours obt. Svt.

Gos of Texas.

P.S. - I am obliged for your promptness in answering my letter as to the gun &c, and the confessions of Pollock and King, the San Saba murderers -

Executive Department
Austin, July 16th 1867.

Genl. James Oakes

Comdg. Austin Texas,

General - Is there any post established in Gillespie or Kimble Counties? If so please inform me who is in command. I desire to get an escort (two or three men) for the apyor and collector of Taxes, in those two counties, - on account of Indian Troubles. Can you aid me? If not who shall I apply to?

Very Respectfully Yours obt. Svt

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 16th 1867.

Hon. B. H. Epperson

Care of E. W. Swenson

No 80 Beaver St.

New York.

Dr Sir: News from New Orleans just at hand. By this mail, I have directed Durhane to ~~write~~ to Mr. Swenson, in relation to Oliver account. When you have looked closely into the account, settle it as your judgment may deem best. There is no chance yet to settle the Droeger matter. Though expecting that the parties will announce themselves ready for settlement soon. Should they do so will telegraph you at once.

Truly Yours -

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 16th 1867.

Col James Gillespie.

Sup Penitentiary,

or Sir: Herewith Montgomery paragon. Tell him I expect him to be a truthful, honest and industrious man from this out, and I shall regret exceedingly if he should turn out otherwise. Very Respectfully Your obt. Serv.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 17th 1867.

Brig Genl. J. P. Hatch,

Comdg Sub Military Dist.,

Camp Verde, Texas,

General - The auditor and collector of State and County Taxes for the Counties of Kimble and Gillespie, informs me that, on account of Indian troubles, he is not safe in making his tour for collection through the Counties. I therefore, most respectfully request, if convenient and proper for you to do so, that you will furnish him an escort of two or three reliable men, one a non-commissioned officer, to attend him on his trip. He will inform you of the time he will be so engaged.

I am Genl, very Respectfully Your obt. Serv.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 19th 1867.

Maj Genl Griffin
Comdg Dist of Texas,

General- Herewith the oath of office as subscribed by J. G. Foster, and recommendation of County Judge of Trinity County, that Mr. Foster be appointed Clerk of the County Court of that County.

Also recommendation of County Judge of Panola County, with oath of office taken by J. W. Reguerrone. He is recommended for Assessor and Collector of Taxes of that County. These appointments are recommended to your early and favorable consideration.

Very Respectfully Yours obt Sth.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 19th 1867.

Maj Genl Griffin
Comdg Dist of Texas

Genl- Herewith the oath of office as subscribed by W. L. Coulbreath, who is recommended for County Clerk of Trinity County. Also that of Robt Reese, and J. H. Leaburner, recommended for appointment as County Commissioners of same County. Your early and favorable action respectfully requested.

Very-Respectfully Yours obt Sth

Gov of Texas

Executive Department
Austin July 22nd 1867.

J. H. Hallenquist,
Kaufman, Texas.

Dr Sir: Yours of the 26th ult. received. In answer I have to say that no application has as yet been made by the Central Railroad company. You will be promptly notified in such event.

Very Respectfully Your obt. Svt.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 22nd 1867.

Hon. J. F. Goods,
Dallas Texas,

Dr Sir: Yours in relation to your appointment of District Clerk of Tarrant County is received. Enclosed you will find copy of oath required to be taken by the appointee. If Mr. Smith can take it, let him do so and return the same to this office; otherwise someone else must be found who can. When subscribed and returned it will be forwarded to Dist. Hd. Qrs.

Very Respectfully Your obt. Svt.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 22nd 1867.

Hon. G. Burdorff
County Judge
Mason County Texas,

Dr Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report to Adj't General in relation to Indian affairs. Your attention in this matter is duly appreciated.

Very Respectfully Your obt. Svt.

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 22nd 1867.

Hon. W. E. Oakes,
Waco, Texas,

Dr Sir: In answer to yours of 15th inst. I have to say that I gave directions to the clerk of your county as to the best mode of proceeding, for his safety and that of the public funds he might collect. I presume that has been received and acted upon by you before this. I feel assured the military will render assistance. In the event they do not the county must assume the responsibility and trust to future legislation to indemnify her for any expense incurred, for the benefit of the State. I am Sir,

Very Respectfully Yours etc Gov

Gov. of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 22, 1867.

To the Sheriff of Bell County,
Belton, Texas,

Why have you not sent copy of indictment against Spruce and Gillespie, who broke out of your jail, with a description of them, &c. in order that a reward may be offered?

Gov. of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 23rd 1867.

Hon. H. S. Coleman,
Stephensville, Texas,

Sir: Yours of the 9th received. The old Sheriff should perform his duties until his successor is qualified here with the Test Oath for Mr. Heil to take. When sworn to and subscribed return to this Dept. when it will be forwarded to Maj. Gen. Griffin for his action. Mr. He. cannot act until he receives his appointment, and is qualified.

Gov. of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin Texas July 24th 1867.

W. J. Scott,

Tarrant, Hopkins Co, Texas.

Dr. Sir: Herewith you will find the requisition upon the Governor of Illinois, for Jife Russell, as requested; and authority to Wm B. Matthews to demand him

Very Respectfully Yours obt Svt

Gov. of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 24th 1867.

Col James Gillespie
Hemlockville, Texas

Dr Sir: Herewith the pardon applied for by you and many other respectable Citizens of Cherokee Co.

Very Respectfully Yours obt Svt

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 26th 1867.

Col W. Washington,

Aquit Koshatta Indians,

Smithfield, Texas.

Dr. Sir: Your favor of 15th with enclosures, received this morning. Your action in the premises is approved. I hope you will succeed in having the Indians who murdered the Koshatta woman punished, either our Court or through the military authorities. I notice that Mr. Rowe says in his communication to you that he had informed me of the murder, &c. I presume his letter on the subject has miscarried or been delayed, as it has not yet reached me.

I am very Respectfully Yours obt Svt

Executive Department
Austin July 26th 1867.

Jas. G. Heard,
 J. P. Washington County,

Dr Sir: Yours of the 15th but mailed 20th was
just received this morning. Some days since I received a dispatch
from the Sheriff Baker, asking for a reward for Lee. I answered
immediately, directing him to send me a complaint under
oath, charging the offence, with a description &c. Since then I
have not heard from him. A reward will be offered, but
you must send me a charge as required by Law. Something
in legal shape upon which I am justified in acting. Don't delay.
Yours Respectfully

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 27th 1867.

Wm G. Webb,
La Grange Texas

Your letter of withdrawal from the suit of
W. Higgab, et al, vs. State of Texas - appeal of the Jno L. Clark,
estate, is received. I regret much that the State is to lose your
valuable service, but feel that your health and private
affairs have such claims upon you that I cannot insist
longer upon your attention to this business. With every
assurance of my best wishes for your health & happiness, I
am Dr Sir, most respectfully Yours obt Svt

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 29th 1867.

To the Hon
Henry Stanberry,
Atty General
Washington D.C.

Sir: Please find enclosed the application for pardon of Mr. Thomas Affleck. The applicant is a worthy citizen, and I doubt not entirely loyal to the Federal Government, and will prove faithful to the Constitution, laws &c of the same. -- Very Respectfully Yours obt &c

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin July 29th 1867.

May Geo Griffin
Comdr Dist of Texas

Genl - Herewith you will find the oath of office taken by F. A. Steen, appointed by me as a Branch Pilot at Corpus Christi and that of W. P. de Horniaudis, appointed by me as one of the Board of Managers of the Lunatic Asylum. Also the oath of Wm Kelley, appointed Notary Public, and that of W. H. Lander, (I send certified copy of Lander's oath, the original being on file in the State Dept, and so connected with his qualification, as not to be separated) All of which is respectfully submitted for your information.

Very Respectfully Yours obt &c

Gov of Texas.

Executive Department
Austin, July 31st 1867.

Leat James Gillespie
Supt Penitentiary,
Huntsville, Texas.

Sir: Herewith you will find
the pardon of Henry Franks which you will deliver &c.
Yours Respectfully

Gov of Texas.

August 1867

Executive Department
Austin, Aug. 3rd 1867.

Leapt. Ed Finnan
State Agent for Pub Property

Sir: The amount of money (Cur-
rency) in your hands, the proceeds of public property, sold and
reported by you, you will deposit ~~in~~ the State Treasury - the
amount being \$3,123 ⁸⁰/₁₀₀, reported. Deposit the same less
4\$, expended in telegraphing, &c.

Gov of Texas

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May 6th 1867

Austin H. T. Co. fur, Belmont

Transmitting pardons for two prisoners

174 July 12 1867

Allen H. M. agt.

Relation to his pay as University² land agent

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Jan 29. 1876 Black R H

Relative to outrages by the Lipan & Kickapoo Indians from Mexico

9 Jan 30. 1867 Beaumont Hon. Ho. county judge Holcomb con Instructions as to the arrest of the murderers of a soldier
24 Feb 18. " " " " " Instructions relative to the arrest of Taylor &c

17 Feb 10. 1867 Bowie Co. judge Reported Rebel outrages on Union men. Wants information

30 Feb 23. 1867 Barnett, Abnermbie & Baker. Relative to the Penitentiary Regulations

38 March 7. 1867 Bryan Col Guy Ho Relative to the Paris Exposition

54 March 30. 1867 Barry Maj J. D. Relative to a line of frontier post

64 April 12. 1867 Bradley L D. Resignation of some office

67 April 17. 1867 Benton Hon Nat Relative to the Burns family - papers recd

94 May 17. 1867 Buckhart W. N. Jr. Appointments to office - Test Oath &c

124 June 7. 1867 Buckhart H. N. Judge - Dist. Clerk to be appointed by Genl. Griffin & take the test oath

99 May 20. 1867 Brasher Judge When vacant in the office of Assessor & Collector

120 June 12. 1867 Bastrop Co. Sheriff of - To take charge of 2 prisoners from San Saba County

142 July 2. 1867 " " " " " Relative to the two prisoners from San Saba County

135 June 20. 1867 Brown Capt John H. State Atty - Forwarding him the pardon of Jake Miller a freedman

137 June 24. 1867 Burke Col Jno Declines to accept his resignation as Dist. Atty.

153 July 22. 1867 Burgdorff G. Co. Judge - Mason Co. Relative to his report relative to Indian Affairs

154 July 22. 1867 Bell County, Sheriff of - Wants the Indictments and description of two fugitives

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6. Feb 19-1867 Calhoun County, Dist Clerk of - Transmitting remissions of fines

Jan 28-1867 Chamberlain & Flint Relative to the arrest of John C. McBrayer for John P. Bell by Manning the Bureau agt
 Apr 3- " " " " Declines to remit the fine of one Piser

16 Feb 9-1867 Caldwell Co, Judge Transmitting complaints from that Co, to the Bureau, wants information
 24 " 16- " Cowan H. R., Co Judge Caldwell Co. Relative to the use of letters & transmitted on the 16th inst

25 Feb 18-1867 Cooper Genl. D. H. Transmitting Inaugural, Messages & Laws for the Chickasaw & Co. Indians

27 Feb 22-1867 Crawford G. H. Relative to the Paris Exposition

31 Feb 24-1867 Clin R. J. Relative to the remission of a forfeited bond

50 Mch 26-1867 Cowan Jas. Stating that a State Engineer has been appointed

66 Apr 17-1867 Clements W. H. Relative to a special pardon for him

92 May 16-1867 Comanche Co. Judge of - Vacancies and appointments - Test Oath

110 May 27-1867 Comal, County Judge of - Oath of Office to be taken by Mayor &c

132 June 18-1867 " " " " Transmitting the appointment of a Mayor for New Braunfels

154 July 23-1867 Coleman H. L. Relative to Sheriff of Erath County

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July 14. 1866 Dickson D.C. financial agt

July 28. 1867 " " " "

Oct 21. 1867 " " " "

Nov 28. 1867 " " " "

Relative to Penitentiary matters

" " " " " bottom Tax

" " " " " amt. of stock on hand

" " " " " payment of old claims &c

96 May 18. 1867 Davis Jas. B.

Relative to petition for the pardon of one Lealway

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Jan'y 29. 1867	Epperson B. H.	Relative to the Lipan & Kickapoo Indians now in Mexico and depredating in Texas.
Jan'y 29. 1867	Epperson B. H.	Transmitting a copy of an order by Genl. Griffin, arrest of citizens refusal by agts. of the Freedmen Bureau to obey the writ of Habeas Corpus
July 16. 1867	Epperson B. H.	Relative to the settlement of certain accounts
77 Apr 29. 1876	Emmerson baptist	Relative to a reward for the arrest of some one
81 May 4. 1867	Bovett Thos. D.	Relative to letters recd. - County Judge of Rush Co

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2 July 15-1867 French judge A.H.

Relation to the arrest of Martin Diaz et al. illegal imprisonment

May 7-1867. Falls Co-judge of Genl Griffin to fill vacancies in office

93 May 16-1867. Franklin B. Le - Relation to the pardon of "Prince"

98 May 20-1867. Fryke judge. Parola co- vacancies - relations - appointments by Genl Griffin
114 " 29- " " " " Oath of office to be taken

144 July 6-1867 Franklin Benj, Co. Transmitting a pardon for Prince a freedman

158 Aug 2-1867. Finnin Ed state agt for pub. property. Order to deposit money realized from the sale of public property in the Treasury

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4	Jan 28-1867	Griffin Genl	Relative to the treatment of a negro prisoner in Shanton Co, jail
9	apl. 8-1867	" "	Relative to the vote of the State - Registration &
	apl. 11-1867	" "	Relative to the White & black vote
	apl 12-	" "	Transmitting a list of State & county officers appointed by Hamilton
	apl 13-	" "	Transmitting additional list of Officers appointed by Hamilton
	5. apl 13-	" "	" " " " " " " "
	7. apl 17-	" "	" " " " " " " "
	2. apl. 18-	" "	" " " " " " " "
	July 22 1867	Gillispie Col Jas. Supt. of the Penitentiary	Relative to the convict Wm A Gibson
2	July 26-1867	" " " "	Transmitting a pardon for Jas Stearin
46	Nov 23-	" " " "	The Supt to make quarterly reports to Comptroller
66	apl 13-	" " " "	Relative to the pardon of Julius Kratz
102	May 23-	" " " "	Relative to the health of convict Henry Frank
134	June 19-1867	" " " "	Notifying him that the pardon of Jacob Miller (freedman) had been issued
142	July 2-	" " " "	Forwarding the pardon of A. B. Pearl
11	July 30-1867	Garnett St. Sheriff	Relative to the arrest of a soldier, arrest of - Editor, by army officer
152	July 22-1867	Good Geo. J.	Relative to the appointment of Dist. Clerk of Tarrant Co.
16	Feb 9-1867	Grayson, Co Judge	Transmitting Documents from Freedmen Bureau, Report Killing of a negro
37	Nov 6-1867	Gardner A. S. Co Judge	Relative to outrage on the negro Wm Holmquist
42	Nov 11-1867	Gentry Col A. M.	Relative to the interest & sinking fund due by Railroads
47	Nov 25-1867	Gurley Col D. Capt Genl	To wind up the business of his office - Southern States are not allowed to organize the militia
118	Nov 25-1867	Gurley Col D. Capt Genl	Relative to certain Indian affairs
88	May 8-1867	Gill John L.	Relative to the pardon of his late servant
90	May 13-	Ganga L. de la	tenure of office, The test oath
107	May 25-	Gregory J. S. Sec. of H. B. R. R.	Relative to the payment of the sinking fund by R. R.
137	June 24-1867	Gaudelup Co, Dist. Clerk	Transmitting the Remission of the fines of Luckhart & Henry
144	July 6-1867	Gillispie Col Jas, Supt. of the Penitentiary	Transmitting a pardon
149	July 16-	" " " "	" " " of Adam Walker a freedman
151	July 16-	" " " "	" " " of Montgomery
155	July 25-	" " " "	" " " of Henry Frank
	31-1867	" " " "	" " " " " "

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70	apl 17 1867	Griffin Genl, Comdg, Dept of Ar	Transmitting a list of officers capt. by Hamilton and a list for Registers
72	apl 22 1867	" "	" a list of persons qualified to act as Registers
74	" 22 1867	" "	"
74	" 24 "	" "	Relative to the appointment of an assessor & collector in Bastop
75	" 24 "	" "	List of Registers submitted
76	" 26 "	" "	"
79	" 29 "	" "	"
80	May 1 "	" "	" and vacancies in officers
80	" 3 "	" "	" " " " & county surveyor of Granddolph co
81	" 6 "	" "	Transmitting Pardons granted at your Request
85	" 7 "	" "	" List for Registers submitted
89	" 10 "	" "	" " " " & officers of various counties
90	" 13 "	" "	Organization of justice under Order No 12
92	" 15 "	" "	List of persons qualified to act as registers
95	" 17 "	" "	"
97	" 20 "	" "	Relative to vacancies, elections & appointments
101	" 23 "	" "	" Selling liquor at Mt Pentecost
104	" 23 "	" "	acknowledging receipt of orders appointing officers
106	" 24 "	" "	Forwarding list of persons qualified to act as Registers
110	" 27 "	" "	Relative to the officers and affairs of Parker County
117	June 3 1867	" "	Relative to the pardon of the negro Howard, Report as to military intemperance
118	" 5 "	" "	Relative to appointment of Municipal officers of New Braunfels
126	" 8 "	" "	J.E. Smith recommended for Register, can take the oath
134	" 19 "	" "	Pardon of Jacob Miller (freedman) granted as requested
136	" 21 "	" "	Transmitting applications for office with the oath
139	" 27 "	" "	Enclosure on application for appointment of Register in Harris co
142	July 2 1867	" "	Relative to Copies of certain Railroad Charters ordered
142	" 3 "	" "	Forwarding copies of Railroad Charters
145	" 8 "	" "	" applications for appointments to office
145	" 11 "	" "	"
147	" 12 "	" "	"
148	" 12 "	" "	Relative to the pardon of McEllothlin a freedman
148	" 13 "	" "	Notifying him of the appointment of Lehar H St Clair, Pilot Comdr
152	" 17 "	" "	Transmitting applications, and oaths for office
152	" 19 "	" "	"
157	" 29 "	" "	" Oath of Office &c

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11	July 31. 1867	Harrison Judge Thos.	Transmitting statement in reference to arrest of Dr. Bell & McHenry and the murder of a freeman by Longwell, Enforcement of the laws, Habeas corpus
8	Nov. 15. 1867	Hollingsworth of St. State Engineer	Relative to a former communication
	June 24. 1867	"	Ordered to assist in connection with the sale of the H. T. & B. R. R.
	July 11. 1867	"	Relative to the Central Railroad
	Nov. 4. 1867	Harrison Co. Judge of	Report of the Bureau apt. Wants information &c
120	June 6. 1867	Henricks. C., Co. Judge Harrison Co.	Oath to be taken by applicants for Office
79	Apr. 29. 1867	Herring J. of, Co. Judge Jefferson Co.	Relative to Disfranchisements
82	May 6. 1867	Hunsaker Oscar F.	Relative to the pardon of a negro
103	May 23. 1867	"	Relative to the pardon of Thos Howard, a negro
118	June 3. 1867	"	Relative to his refusal to pardon the negro Howard
124	June 7. 1867	Howe & Hughes attys.	Vacancies in Palo Pinto County
127	June 10. 1867	Hopkins D. P. Dist. Clk	Remission of the fine of a freedman
123	June 17. 1867	Hammaly L. A.	Declines to remit his fine
136	July 26. 1867	Heard Jas. B. - J. P. Washington Co.	Relative to offering a reward for one "Gee"

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108 May 25-1867 Ireland John, June 2^d Dist, Relative to the appointment of Dist, Clerk

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10 July 30-1867 Johnson Jesse et al Relative to having U.S. troops stationed at Camp Colorado

68 Aug 17-1867 Johnson Geo W. County Judge Relative to Registration of voters

127 June 10-1867 Jones G. H.

Relative to the application for the pardon of E. W. Owens.
Transmitting the pardon of Owens

* June 21-1867 " "

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2 July 17 1867 Kiddoo, Genl of B. Com. & Freeman B. Relative to a Lunatic Asylum for negroes.

25 July 18 1867 Kinnard Judges

Relative to the proceedings & testimony in the case of "Dick Perkins" & Co.

May 27 1867 Reese Thos. Co Judge Brown Co - Oath of Office to be taken, Indian depredations

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66 Apr 13-1867 Lindsay J. M. - Relation to certain papers - killed & wounded & property stolen by Indians

100 May 22-1867 Leech J. N. - Relation to the establishment of a Negro School

101 May 23-1867 Love Jas. George - Corinn, let. Galveston - Wants a statement of the facts proven on the trial of the case of Thos. Hower, et

May 30-1867 Lampasas Co. Chief Justice - Protection of prisoners - enforcement of the laws

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21.	July 19-1867	McGoffin Genl. et al	Relative to the illegal arrest of Martin Daigle et al by Judge French
43	Nov 12-1867	Marshall H. B.	Relative to the locating of The East Texas University
58	Apr 6-1867	McGinnis C. C. Co. Judge Bastrop	Relative to the appointment of officers &c
71	Apr 20- "	" " "	affairs in Bastrop - disfranchised &c
88	May 10-1867	" " "	appointment of officers by Griffin, test oath
100	" 23- "	" " "	Forwarding appointment of assessor & collector
84	May 7-1867	Madina Co. Judge of	Receipt of a letter and forwarder to Genl Griffin - vacant office
12	May 28-1867	Meetealf Judge of P. Palo Alto Co.	Relative to vacancies in that county
	May 29-1867	Marshall C. B.	Relative to the payment for artificial limbs
132	June 12-1867	Meiller John	In reference to the Gun taken from the Mauders of Sayer &c
149	July 16- "	" " "	Relative to the capture of Outlaws, Rewards &c
140	June 28-1867	Mounson M. S.	Relative to the sale of the T. H. & B. R. Roads &c

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51	March 27-1867	Oakes Lynch, comd at Austin	Relative to Indian affairs. Indians in Williamson Co.
77	Apr 29 - "	" " " "	Relative to the arrest of John T. Burleson for the murder of Heirley
96	May 18-1867	" " " "	Calling attention to damage, by soldiers, to private property
72	Apr 22-1867	Oakes H. E. co. for McMillan co.	Relative to elections
154	July 22-1867	" " " "	Relative to the collection of Taxes
109	May 27-1867	Oakes Lynch Jas. Comand at Austin	Wants a guard to conduct a prisoner to jail
129	June 12 - "	" " " "	Proposing to turnover two prisoners, as deserters
150	July 16 - "	" " " "	Wants an escort for the assessor & collector of Gillespie co. & Kimble

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- 1 Jan 8-1867 Post Master General Transmitting a petition for a Post Office in Hunt Co.
- 13 Feb 5-1867 Patterson Judge N.H. Co. Recovery of Frank M. Buckwalter from the Lipan Indians
- 119 Jun 5-1867 " " " " Oath to be taken by persons recommended for office
- 14 Feb 8-1867 Co. Judge Pecos County Transmitting documents from the Freedmen's Bureau, enforcement of law
- 20 Feb 15-1867 Pace W.B. Co. Judge Relative to stolen records of Lampasas Co. Federal troops
- 44 Mar 13-1867 Perlitz Lehas Transmitting an opinion by the atty. Genl.
- Mar 13-1867 Phillips W.B. Transmitting Copies of Bureau Reports &c.
- 63 Apr 12-1867 Parker Co. County atty. - enforcement of the laws
- Mar 30-1867 Pearson P.E. Relative to application for a Special pardon for E.A. Pearson Dec.
- 8 Apr 6-1867 Priest M. et al Declining to pardon Bentley Moore
- 89 May 11-1867 Proctor D.C. Enclosing Proclamation remitting a forfeiture against M.L. Stone
- 141 Jun 29-1867 Pearl Mrs A.C. Relative to the pardon of her husband

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| 18 | July 14-1876 | Roberts I. L. - out of San A. B. R. Co. | Engineer to inspect a portion of his road |
| 49 | Nov 26-1876 | " " " " | Relative to inspection of road by engineer &c |
| 131 | June 12-1867 | Rector John B. Dist. atty. | Relative to 2 prisoners from San Saba co - wants a statement in reference to the suits he has been ordered to dismiss |
| 132 | June 13-1867 | Rector John B. Dist. atty. | Send copy of Indictment and description of parties for whom you want Rewards offered |

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82	May 6-1867	Quora W H	Relative to special pardon of W Y Lutherlauer
3	Jan 19-1867	George Gen. Comrat Austin	Wants a Guard to carry prisoners from Georgetown to Bastrop
13	Apr 2-1867	" " Comdg. at Austin	Wants a Guard to carry prisoners from Austin to Huntsville
15	July 9-1867	Smith Geo. Judge of	Federal Troops ordered to Tyler, enforcement of the laws &c
68	Apr 17-1867	Linker Col Geo W	Relative to his action as financial agt of the Penitentiary
29	Feb 23-1867	Smith Henry	Relative to the Convict Wm A Gibson
30	Feb 23-1867	Smith A J	Relative to the arrest of Robt Anderson alias Edmonell in La
36	Nov 8-1867	Gledge Col	Relative to working convicts on the Washington Co. R.R.
91	May 15-1867	Smith F. & Co. J. & Co.	Vaccancies & appointments to office - test Oath
40	Nov 8-1867	Stanberry Wm H. atty. Gen.	D.C. Transmitting an application for special pardon
56	Apr 1-1867	" " " "	Transmitting applications for special pardons
40	Nov 8-1867	Saunders J. A. Comdg.	Relative to the appointment of Comdg. to the Paris Exposition
45	Nov 15-1867	Lessums A. Pres. H. & B. R.R. Co.	Relative to the non payment of the interest & sinking fund due by said company
	Nov 27-1867	Leah Herman	Relative to the pardon of Nelson Gardner
	91, May 15-1867	Lessums A. Pres. H. & B. R.R. Co.	Relative to the sale of the road for failure to pay interest &c
	Nov 27-1867	Stoner Me L	Relative to the remission of a forfeited bond
	Apr 11-1867	Sheridan Genl	Introducing Mr. Rida the bearer of a Requisition on the Gov. of La
69	Apr 17-1867	Smith Capt Wm L. tht. agt.	Relative to affairs at Novasota
72	Apr 20-1867	Stanberry H. atty. Gen. D.C.	Transmitting applications for special pardons
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101 May 22. 1867. Storey Hon. Jas. Relative to Jueros and Circular Order No 12.

25 June 7. 1867. Shropshire Hon. B.

The test oath blocks the courts and prevents the administration of justice. Induce Gen Griffin to revoke the order &c.

26 June 10. 1867. Stansberry H. atty Gen. U.S. - Forwarding application for amnesty & pardon of F.L. Young of Rustler and W.W. Hornsby of Travis Co.

28 June 11. 1867. Stansberry H. atty Gen. U.S. Transmitting application for a special pardon for F.M. Heathered

43 July 6. " " " " " " " " Special pardons

47 " 12. " " " " " " " " " "

157 " 29. " " " " " " " " " "

39 June 26. 1867. Starr Col. G.H. U.S. Relative to Mr. Petersons ap for bef furnished to Indians

153 July 24. 1867. Scott J D Forwarding a Requisition on the Govt of Ill for Jesse Russell

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| 47 | March 25, 1867 | Taylor Geo et al | Forwarding a copy of a contract |
| 53 | March 30, 1867 | Trinity co. clerk of Dist Ct | Relative to the Pardon of a certain boy |
| 94 | May 17, 1867 | Thorp D. G. co. judge | Appointments by military - Test oath &c |
| 138 | June 25, 1867 | Thompson A. P. ² | Wants statement of facts &c in the McGlothlin case |
| 146 | July 12, 1867 | Thompson A. P. ² | Forwarding the pardon of McGlothlin |

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13	July 4-1867	Wackum Geo M. Pres. U. R. R. Co.	Relative to the payment of interest due the State
20	July 14-1867	Washington, Co. Court	Relative to the appointment of a State Engineer
62	Apr 11-1867	Webb St. At. of Lajrange	Relative to a suit in which the State has an interest
28	July 22-1867	Whitten J. D.	Relative to the Conduct of the "Bureau agent" at Wharton.
33	July 28-1867	Wood Capt J. D.	accepting his resignation as Dist. Atty, his successor
59	Mar 30-1867	Wells Gov. of La	Relative to one Anderson & his behavior
60	Apr 10-1867	Wells Madison, Gov of La	Introducing Mr Ricca with a Requisition for fugitives &c
106	May 24-1867	Wallace John F.	Forwarding appointment as assessor & collector of Harris Co
112	May 28-1867	Wood Col J. J.	Relative to a petition for the pardon of Geo D Allen
116	May 29-1867	Whitmore J. W.	Relative to the oath to be taken by jurors
144	July 8-1867	Webb Hon W. G.	Relative to the pardon of Aaron Walker a freedman
156	July 27-1867	Webb W. G.	Withdrawal as counsel for the State in the escheat case of Leach etc
6	July 12-1867	Weaver L. G.	In reference to the sale of his land for taxes
	July 26-1867	Washington Col H.	Indian affairs, Indian murders

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